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CHANGED: <b>JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, aliases: John Hall, John Donovan Hall, Clarence Cruse, Joseph J. Harris, J. H. Donovan, Frank Kirtly, I. O. 1217; ERNEST BLUMK</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Frances Frechette located at 3512 N. Halsted Street, Chicago, stated she saw her sister, Evelyn, three times since January 1, 1934. Evelyn had expensive jewelry and an automobile, but on occasion of last visit appeared to be without funds or resources. Evelyn, with one Marge Edwards, apparently attended a party at 938 Newport Avenue immediately preceding or immediately following the date of Dillinger's escape. Persons interviewed inconsistent in furnishing details concerning party which Evelyn attended.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent J. J. Metcalfe, Chicago, Illinois, dated March 15, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

The name of Herbert Youngblood has been dropped from the title of this case.

The investigation set forth in this report was conducted by Special Agent J. J. Waters and the reporting agent.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-29777-181	RECORDED AND INDEXED <b>MAR 26 1934</b>
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view was had with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McKee, and it was learned from Mrs. McKee, whose name is listed as being acquainted with the Frances Frechette, who is also known as Frances Schuller, and who, according to Mrs. McKee, usually goes by the name of Frechette. She stated that she met Frances Frechette while she was residing at 1519 Flournoy Street, Chicago, at which place resided one Sam Donatto, the son of Mrs. Rose Donatto, the landlady. Sam Donatto kept company with Frances Frechette and occasionally brought her to the house and in this manner she and Mrs. McKee came to know each other. This was some two years ago.

It was also learned from Mrs. McKee that during the past two years she has been receiving and forwarding the mail of Frances Frechette, both at the Flournoy Street address and at her present address on Heritage Avenue. She very reluctantly admitted that a letter had arrived for Frances Frechette about a week ago, and that she had allowed this letter to remain in the mail box, from which it disappeared on Saturday, March 17, 1934, presumably being taken back to the Post Office by the mail carrier. She explained the reason for not taking this letter into the house as being that she had become frightened as the result of the visit of Special Agent F. C. Guerrero. While she admitted that she knew Frances Frechette, she claimed the association was only very casual and she insisted that she knew nothing about her as to her occupation or present whereabouts, or as to her relations and family history. She did, however, finally admit that she had met Evelyn Frechette, the sister of Frances, on one or two occasions for a very few minutes each time, and she was emphatic in stating that she did not know anything concerning Evelyn Frechette outside of the one or two times that she met her. Mrs. McKee was apparently disturbed a good deal by this interview and explained her reactions by stating that she had read in the newspapers that Evelyn Frechette was said to be the associate of John Billinger. After considerable interrogation, it was finally learned from her that Frances Frechette could be reached at telephone Wellington 9008, and Mrs. McKee was told that the source of this information would not be disclosed.

The McKees have one daughter, named Betty Jean, who is about seven years old. Mr. McKee is a glazier by trade, although more recently he has engaged in mechanical work. The McKees further advised that they have one brother-in-law by the name of Joe Achys, who is married to the sister of Mrs. Betty McKee, and who operates a tavern at 1733 Lawrence Avenue, Chicago. Achys's wife, Frieda, is the sister of Mrs. McKee. The McKees claim they do not know the exact residence address of the Achys but stated that it was in the 4600 block on North Paulina Avenue, the number ending in a "1", and that it is a red brick apartment building.

Mrs. McKee stated that she had no photograph or specimen of the handwriting of either Frances Frechette or Evelyn Frechette. She said that Frances Frechette had married a man by the name of Schultz and she did not know anything about him except that his first name is Charles and that she does not know his occupation or where he resides. He is separated from Frances. She also said that Frances Frechette has two children, a boy and a girl, the girl being nearly seven years of age and the boy much younger. The girl is with Frances Frechette's mother in Neopit, Wisconsin, and the boy is with his father, Garhardt Schultz.

Mrs. McKee produced her telephone bills for the months of December, 1933, January and February, 1934, and it was noted that they did not disclose charges for any toll calls, so that no long distance telephone calls had been made over their telephone. The McKee telephone number is Humboldt 3383.

Near the close of this interview, Special Agent Watson left the house and determined from the Telephone Company that the number, Wellington 9006, at which Mrs. McKee said Frances Frechette could be reached, was in the name of Mrs. M. Edwards, Apartment 2, 3512 North Halsted Street.

Agents Watson, with Special Agent E. A. Kittle, proceeded to the above address and there interviewed Mrs. Edwards. She stated that she had been married but divorced about three years ago from one Joe Mylan, a window trimmer, who had been employed at Armour's in Chicago before they separated. She had not lived with him for three years, and at the present time, she said, he is in California.

Mrs. Edwards informed the Agents that she knew Evelyn Frechette and that her sister, Frances, was residing with her. The latter was not at home at the time and the Agents awaited her return. Mrs. Edwards further stated that she had seen Evelyn Frechette in January, 1934, before she was apprehended at Tucson, Arizona, and at the time of that meeting Evelyn had a black coupe, wore a diamond ring and had a platinum wrist watch studded with diamonds. After her return from Tucson, however, she had neither the jewelry nor the car. Mrs. Edwards claimed that the last time she had seen Evelyn was during the week that Dillinger made his escape. Evelyn came to her home on the Sunday of the week during which he escaped and remained, as she later developed, until the Friday afternoon of March 2, 1934.

On Thursday night, March 1, 1934, Mrs. Edwards stated she and Evelyn attended a party at the home of Mrs. M. P. Sullivan, 338 Newport Avenue. She left the party about midnight, leaving Evelyn there. The latter, however, did not return home and Mrs. Edwards claims she has not seen her since. Others who attended the party, according to Mrs. Edwards,

were, [unclear] and [unclear] employees of [unclear] Store, located at the corner of Newport Avenue and [unclear] Street. In a subsequent interview she also stated that a person known to her by the name of "Brisby", whose last name she does not know, Lou Murray, whose last name she does not recall, and a man named Bill, whose name she does not recall, were also present. In addition, she said there were several friends of Mrs. Tschida, including the latter's daughters, Faustina and Florence. Mrs. Edwards also furnished the information that the person referred to as Bill had danced with Evelyn several times during the course of the evening, and that Lou Murray was quite friendly with her.

She stated that Evelyn and Frances Frechette had lived at 516 Cornelia Avenue at one time and at 111 Brompton Avenue, and that immediately before the time that Frances came to live with her, she, Frances, resided at 648 Oakdale Avenue. She also stated that she and Frances frequent a tavern at the corner of Roscoe and Clark Streets, which is conducted by a person to whom she referred as "Shah", and whose correct first name is Michael, but whose last name she does not know.

During the course of the interviews with Mrs. Edwards, she informed the agents that Evelyn apparently enjoyed herself very well at the Tschida party, having indulged in several drinks and being quite active. This information seemed to be inconsistent with that obtained from other persons interviewed subsequently.

During the afternoon of March 19, 1934, Frances returned to Mrs. Edwards' home at 512 North Halsted Street, and she was invited to come to the Chicago Division office, where the following information was obtained from her.

She stated that she originally came from Keopit, Wisconsin, and that Evelyn Frechette is her half-sister, although they are generally reputed to be sisters. She insisted that she at no time knew anything of the activities of her sister, Evelyn, or of any associations that Evelyn may have had at any time. She stated that she is 39 years of age, and that she had come to Chicago from Wisconsin at the age of 17. In 1927 she married one Gabriel Schmitt, but they were divorced in 1928 or 1930. Two children were born of the marriage, a son and a daughter. The latter resides with Frances' mother in Wisconsin, while the son is with Gabriel.

Frances stated that in February, 1933, she and Evelyn were living at 516 Cornelia Avenue, but they quarreled at the time and parted. She saw Evelyn at various times subsequent to February, but they were not on speaking terms. In August, 1933, Robert Conway, a friend of

Frances, took her and Evelyn to Wisconsin in his Ford coupe. Evelyn remained there but Frances returned. She said she knew little of Evelyn's whereabouts from that time until January of this year, and indicated that she and Evelyn are not particularly friendly. She stated that although Evelyn may have furnished money to other members of the family, she had not received anything from her, and as a matter of fact would not ask her for anything.

When questioned specifically as to the number of times she has seen Evelyn recently, she informed the agents that on or about January 1, 1934, Evelyn visited her at 3512 North Halsted Street at approximately 9:00 o'clock at night, staying for a short time only. At that time she said Evelyn had an automobile and wore expensive jewelry, including an engagement ring and a wedding ring. She did not see her again until sometime in February, 1934, and was unable to recall the exact date. She stated, however, that Evelyn at that time was apparently without funds and again stayed for only a few hours. The next occasion of a visit from Evelyn was the Sunday preceding the Saturday on which Billinger escaped. Evelyn came to 3512 North Halsted Street and remained there until Friday, March 2, 1934. Frances and Mrs. Edwards during that week were not on speaking terms, and accordingly, when Mrs. Edwards was invited to the party given by the Tschidas, she took Evelyn with her rather than Frances. Frances could not recall exactly whether the party was given on Thursday or Friday night, but she stated the last time she saw Evelyn was Friday afternoon, March 2, 1934, when Evelyn came to 3512 North Halsted Street. Frances went out in the afternoon and when she returned at night, Evelyn was not there.

During all of the times in 1934 that Frances and Evelyn were together, Frances claims that Evelyn did not receive any communications of any kind, by telephone, mail or telegram, nor did anyone call to see Evelyn nor did she see Evelyn in company with any persons. She also insisted that she did not know where Evelyn spent her time during the day, as it was Evelyn's custom to leave the house sometime in the morning and return in the evening without ever saying where she was going and without relating where she had been when she returned.

Frances Prechette insisted that she, herself, does not know John Billinger or any of Billinger's associates, and that she has never met or seen any of that crowd. She stated that when Evelyn joined her in January of this year at the time she had an automobile and apparently expensive jewelry, she told Frances that she had been in Arizona. This was prior to the time that Billinger was captured at Tucson. Frances also stated that when her sister departed just prior to Billinger's escape, she thought nothing of her departure and did not fix her mind on associates or



with Billinger nor did she know of Billinger's escape is not to lead her to think of her sister. She was very emphatic in her statements that she knew nothing of her sister's association with Billinger until after the Chicago newspaper reported information to that effect. Frances further advised that she herself had never been any place except in the State of Wisconsin, the State of Illinois, and in St. Louis, Missouri. She said that she was in St. Louis, Missouri in 1933 and stayed there with some friends, from whom she hears occasionally, these persons being Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shaw, 370 Reynolds Avenue, Maplewood, St. Louis, Missouri. Frances stated she had never at any time been in the States of Michigan or Indiana, and in this connection also insisted that she had never been to any points as near as Hammond, Gary or Crown Point in Indiana. She said that she does not know Louis Pignett, attorney for John Billinger, nor did she at any time know that her sister called on Billinger while the latter was in jail at Crown Point, Indiana. Since the departure of her sister on or about March 2, 1934, Frances said she has not heard anything from her, nor has she heard anything about her except what she has read in the newspaper. She also advised that she has no idea as to the possible present whereabouts of Evelyn. Frances promised to advise the Chicago office immediately in the event she received any information as to the whereabouts of her sister, Evelyn.

Frances stated that her sister, Evelyn, does not have any pock marks on her face; that she, Frances, is the only one who has such marks on her face. However, it was noted that no such marks appear on Frances' face, but that she has a small scar on either cheek, which do not in any way resemble pock marks.

It was ascertained that Evelyn or Frances or both have lived at the following addresses:

- 3512 North Halsted Street, Chicago, Ill.
- 516 Cornelia Avenue
- 3612 North Pinegrove Avenue,
- 648 Oakdale Avenue,
- 711 Brighton Avenue.

Frances stated that at the Pinegrove Avenue address she stayed with Evelyn and her alleged husband, Milton Sparks, about two years ago.

Mrs. Rose Tschida, 938 Newport Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on being interviewed, stated that the birthday of her daughter, Faustina, was on the 20th of February, and that several nights subsequent to that date she gave Faustina a party at her home. She at first stated this party

was given on February 22, 1934, but on a later interview she stated it was on Saturday, the 24th. She was reluctant to answer any questions but she admitted that Marge Edwards had brought a girl to the party and answered the description of Evelyn Frechette. She stated on the first interview that the girl who came with Marge Edwards, known as Billie, was rather short, thin, had very dark hair and wore a black dress with shining ornaments on the shoulders. She refused to disclose the names of any who attended the party but informed the agents that one Lou Ginsberg and Mel Pate were there.

Mrs. Tschida was first interviewed on the evening of March 18, 1934. On the following afternoon the agents returned to re-interview her. During the course of this interview, Lou Murray and the maid, Julia, were also present. It was quite obvious that Mrs. Tschida was reluctant to disclose any information. During the course of the interview she feigned an attack of nervousness or hysteria and requested the maid to call the doctor, whereupon the interview terminated.

Lou Murray was then interviewed but furnished no valuable information except the admission that he attended the party, remembered the strange girl slightly, but was rather hazy in recalling any of the details.

Lou Ginsberg, an employee of Freeman's Drug Store, on being interviewed on the evening of March 18, 1934, furnished no information whatsoever, except that he was friendly with the Tschidas and had attended parties there at various times. On being interviewed on March 20, 1934, however, he stated he had learned from Lou Murray that the party referred to above was given on the night of February 24, 1934, and that the strange girl was present at the house either two days prior to March 8, 1934, or two days subsequent thereto. He indicated that since the first interview he had learned why the agents desired this information and why the girl in question was being sought. He further stated he would make an effort to obtain additional information from Lou Murray, which he would furnish agents.

In this connection it may be noted that some importance attaches to the whereabouts of Evelyn Frechette on the night preceding the escape of Billinger, and consequently every effort is being made to determine whether she was at the home of the Tschidas on that night, and if so, as to the approximate hour when she left the house and as to where she went. It may also be noted that it was learned from Marge Edwards that Evelyn Frechette sometimes goes by the nickname of Billie, and it is also known that Frances Frechette has the nickname of Patsy.

Although, as previously stated, Frances Frechette denied that her sister had been working for her father, it was learned from Leo Weisberg that Evelyn had been married, although he could not describe her. Marge Edwards informed agents that she and Murray are very well acquainted with Evelyn Frechette. This information was not substantiated by Weisberg, who stated that he did not think Murray knew Evelyn very well or at least that is what he gathered from his conversation with Murray. It is believed that further questioning of Murray may reveal some interesting information.

At 5115 Pinegrove Avenue interview was had with Mrs. M. Backman, manager, this being the manager's office for the large court apartment building, which includes the number, 5112, where Frances Frechette said she had formerly resided. It was learned from Mrs. Backman, and it was noted from her records, that one M. Frechette resided there from August 14, 1932 to September 9, 1932, occupying apartment 3 West, at 5112 Pinegrove Avenue, at the rate of \$11.00 per week. No rent was paid and the occupants of the apartment left, owing three weeks rent. Mrs. Backman was unable to furnish any information regarding the tenants in question for the reason that she was not manager at the time they resided there.

At 530 Cornelia Avenue interview was had with Mrs. Anton Meyer, the wife of the janitor, this address being a large court apartment building, which includes the number 516 Cornelia, where the Frechettes are said to have resided at one time. However, Mrs. Meyer did not recall these people and was unable to furnish any information, advising that her husband might know something regarding the persons in question, but that he was not available at this time for an interview.

At 543 Oakdale Avenue interview was had with Miss Harriet Borne, who stated that sometime, either in the spring or summer of 1933, a girl answering the description of Frances Frechette lived at 543 Oakdale Avenue under the name of Schultz. There was residing with her a man who was allegedly her husband. He was described as being tall, blond and quite handsome by Miss Borne. She stated that she has seen Frances Frechette quite frequently on the North side of Chicago, but that she has no definite information concerning her exact whereabouts at various times, because it was her impression that Frances does not remain at residence for a lengthy period of time. Miss Borne, however, who apparently seems reliable, stated that she will make some inquiries from a mutual friend, who is better acquainted with Frances than is she. She will be interviewed at a later date. During the period that Frances and her alleged husband resided at 543 Oakdale Avenue, Miss Borne said their conduct was not in any way such as would cause suspicion and that they were very desirable tenants.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE: At Chicago, Illinois, at Newport Avenue and Clark Street will again interview Tom Murray to determine what information he has been able to obtain from Len Murray.

Will again interview Len Murray, 228 Newport Avenue, to determine all of his knowledge regarding Evelyn Frechette and the activities at the Technic home.

At 520 Cornelia Avenue will interview Helen Meyer, the janitor, for information regarding the Frechettes, who resided at 514 Cornelia Avenue at one time.

At 548 Oakdale Avenue will again interview Miss Harriet Borne for any information she may be able to furnish.

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March 24<sup>3</sup>, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
711 Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

*John D. Billinger*

Dear Sir:

Mr. Len E. Houston, Sports Editor, of the Fredericksburg, Virginia Free Press, telephoned the Division on the afternoon of March 22, 1934, and advised that at 10 A. M., of the same day, a green Buick coupe, bearing Indiana license tag, stopped at the Shell filling station in Fredericksburg; that the occupant, in a sharp, crisp, voice asked that the gasoline tank be filled and that the oil supply be examined; that gasoline was obtained and the car drove in a northerly direction. The occupant of the car was approximately 5'10" in height, weight 165 pounds; he wore smoked glasses, in spite of the fact that it was a cloudy day and no snow on the ground; he also wore a dark brimmed, fuzzy, hat, with the brim pulled down; he had a small mustache, and was wearing a grey overcoat.

The manager of the filling station, Mr. Swift, while filling the gas tank, noticed the Indiana license tag, and thought he would make inquiries concerning John Billinger, who had escaped from a jail in Indiana, but upon going to the front of the car and observing the occupant, and his close similarity to Billinger, he was too frightened to make any inquiries concerning Billinger. There was a boy assistant who likewise observed this man at the filling station.

Inquiries were made of Mr. Houston as to whether the occupant of the car asked for directions, or indicated any possible destination, and he stated that no such inquiries or indications were made.

The Division specified this telephone call at approximately 5 P. M., after which your office was notified in order that appropriate investigation might be made. In accordance with the instructions issued, this matter should be given prompt attention.

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**Division of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

625 Lafayette Bldg.  
Detroit Michigan  
March 23, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

For the Division's information and records, I am transmitting herewith a photostat copy of a letter received by the Chief of Police at Port Huron, Michigan signed, "J. Dillinger" postmarked Indianapolis, Indiana, March 17, 1934.

This is in connection with the case entitled, JOHN DILLINGER, I.O. #1217, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

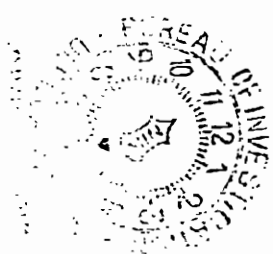
Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

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

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Dear Sir:

With reference to the case of Harry Pierpont, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, which concerns the murder of Sheriff Jesse Barber at Lima, Ohio, the alleged cipher message reading "JYBZRYRQIVVQGLBQIRBCKVYV" has been examined. During this examination Mr. William F. Friedman of the Signal Corps of the Army called and stated that a request had been received to decipher another message postmarked New York City, March 20, and addressed to Harry Pierpont, City Jail, Lima, Ohio, reading as follows: "7B-10-23-07-21. Harry - 21-0 - 3B4999 - 03 - 4-4 - 23-72 - 030 - 20-0 - 233-01-30 - 6-4-4 - 008-at-ave all ready J.D."

The above had the return address of John Dillinger, New York City. Mr. Friedman stated that the section of the Signal Corps of which he is the head which concerns itself with cipher work has been working on this message for some time and has come to the conclusion it is a hoax. He stated he was calling to ascertain information concerning John Dillinger which might help in solving the message. He was shown the cryptogram which you submitted and the work sheets of the examiner which contained a partial solution "Do not worry we will QVYZ". After considering the matter Mr. Friedman indicated that it was his opinion that this is a code message in which there are some mistakes, the key being the use of a reversed alphabet in connection with the true alphabet. The A of the reversed alphabet begins at M of the true alphabet as follows:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z  
 M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C D E F G H I J K L

This key works for the first four words "Do not worry we". In the next word, however, there is an obvious mistake, the word reading "will" when it should read "will". As to the last word it is the idea of Mr. Friedman that the word is "spring", whereas the symbols are clearly made and the substitution reads "ypriz". It may be that a different key is used for this word or the two letters at the beginning and end of the words are deliberately substituted for the purpose of indicating the sender of the message or some other data which will be known to the recipient but which is not clear to the examiner. The initials of such a person could be IOM or IYZ.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*Wm. F. Friedman*

SAC Detroit.

March 22, 1934.

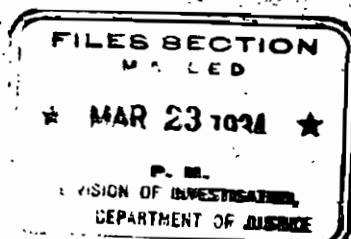
Mr. Friedman stated that recently the Warden of the Penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio, forwarded a long cipher message which his unit deciphered. This was published in the newspapers and is the probable reason why the Army Signal Corps was requested to assist with the cipher indicated above. One of the important things in deciphering such messages is to have available all ciphers which seem to have any relation to each other. It, therefore, would seem that the prosecutor or other authorities who are handling the Dillinger Case should forward all cipher messages to one place.

The examiner states that notwithstanding the fact the slip of paper beginning "JY 23" appears to be a cipher message, it is believed that this is the work of a crank and not a genuine attempt of Dillinger to communicate with Harry Pierpont, unless it be through the hope that the jailer or others will release the information to the newspapers. Every time such a release occurs difficulty is placed in the way of deciphering such messages because new devices are immediately employed which must be deciphered and run down.

An effort is being made to develop fingerprints on the envelope and paper and it is suggested that if the Division is to continue assisting in this connection in the Dillinger Case arrangements be made so that the suspicious correspondence to any of these prisoners be protected and forwarded promptly for laboratory attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.





1900 BANKERS BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

March 24, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 14, 1934, confirming authority granted to place a tap on the telephone of Ann Baker, 5724 Rokeby Street, Chicago, Illinois, who is alleged to be a known associate of John Dillinger. This tap has not been placed so far, in view of the fact that other taps have been placed which were considered of more importance, and of which the Division is being advised twice a week. I contemplate having this tap placed immediately, although I do not believe that it will be possible to assign a Special Agent to observe it, in view of the fact that there are matters of more importance pending in Chicago which require immediate attention. However, I shall endeavor to place this tap as soon as possible and advise the Division.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge  
Detroit Michigan  
March 21, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
1000 Bankers' Building  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a memorandum prepared at this office indicating the connections between JOHN BILLINGER and persons with whom he is alleged to have been associated. The information contained in this memorandum is being used by the Agents attached to this office in conducting appropriate investigation in this district and it is felt that this information might also be of some value to your office.

In cooperation with the local police to use at the present time maintaining a twenty-four hour surveillance over the residence located at 78 Windmore, Highland Park, Michigan, which is occupied by the married sister of RUSSELL CLARK who, it will be noted, is a close associate of Billinger and who departed with the nine other convicts from the Indiana State Penitentiary on September 25, 1934. Clark is on trial at Lima, Ohio this week in connection with his participation in the murder of Sheriff Jacob Senter in October, 1933, at which time Billinger was liberated from the County Jail at Lima.

A twenty-four hour surveillance is also being maintained over the home located at 521 Chandler Street, Detroit, which is occupied by Russell Clark's mother, Mrs. Elsie Clark and her married daughter, Dorothy Faxon, and her husband.

It will be noted in the memorandum that ANN MARTIN alias ANN JACKSON, who from all indications is also RUSSELL CLARK's mother is the "Indian Queen" he living with the Clark family, sometime at 78 Windmore and other places at 521 Chandler. Ann Martin alias Ann Jackson, it will be noted, is the individual who was arrested with Billinger at Tucson, Arizona recently. SPAL LANE, the sweetheart of Russell Clark, who was also taken into custody at Tucson, is residing at the above address also.

Authority has been received from the Division to have an Agent of this office follow Ann Martin to other cities in the event she departs from Detroit. It will be noted that last week she hurriedly made a trip to Chicago by train and the peculiar actions around the

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two above named residences indicate that perhaps this woman will attempt to again contact Billinger. The Clark family at the present time is in possession of a practically new Ford V-8 Sedan bearing Michigan 1934 license plates 19000.

For the information of interested offices and the Division, I desire to state that Troopers Smith and Armstrong of the Indiana State Police arrived in Detroit some days ago for the purpose of observing the two above named addresses. However, they did not contact this office and their presence in Detroit was not known until we were so informed by the local police.



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The local police advised that they were desirous of fully cooperating with this office in every respect and as a result, two guards have been posted directly across the street from each one of the above addresses, from which a full view of the activity can be secured. The two above named Indiana officers have been called off the investigation by their superiors at Indianapolis and they have returned to that point.

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At the present time Agents of this office and officers of the Detroit Police Department are constantly together twenty-four hours a day keeping the places on Windomere and Chandler Street under observation and the situation now seems to be covered very satisfactorily.

Very truly yours,

W. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

W:LND  
cc - Division ✓  
Kansas City  
Cincinnati

March 20, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

Leroy and Naomi Hooten live at 1028 South Second Street, Hamilton, Ohio. This is the house where Pierpont, Malley, Thomas, Copeland, Dillinger and Hamilton stopped before and after the murder of Sheriff Barber at Lima on October 12, 1933. Mr. and Mrs. Hooten went to Phoenix, Arizona in December, 1933 and returned to Hamilton with Arizona license plates. They probably were in touch with Dillinger and his associates prior to their apprehension at Tucson, Arizona.

Walter Sparks, who is now confined in the Leavenworth Penitentiary, No. 45125, on a postal violation, is presumed to be the husband of Evelyn Frechetti, who is believed to be Ann Martin, alias Ann Jackson, alias Miller. The letter from Kansas City to Chicago, dated March 9, 1934, states that Sparks corresponds with

Mrs. W. Sparks,  
901 Addison Street,  
Chicago.

Mrs. A. S. Charrington,  
1244 North Dearborn,  
Chicago.

Clair Chaloupka  
1518 Thorndale,  
Chicago

Ray Reed  
1225 Lullie Avenue  
Detroit

A. S. Charrington, who is a co-defendant of Sparks and is now also incarcerated in Leavenworth, is writing to his wife, presumed to be Mrs. A. S. Charrington, 1834 Belmont, Chicago. About March 1, 1934, Mrs. Charrington wrote to Charrington at Leavenworth from Detroit without a return address. Mr. Armstrong of the Indiana State Police on March 12 followed Ann Martin alias Jackson alias Frechetti from 75 Sincamore, Highland Park, where she had been stopping with Russell Clark's sister, to Chicago and there she went to No. 1833 Belmont. There is some indication to the effect that Ann Jackson with aliases is identical with this woman, Charrington, and the fact that Ann Jackson visited 1833 Belmont seems to corroborate with the above. However, Ann Jackson perhaps visited A. S. Charrington, and there is a possibility that the Charringtons may be closely associated with Dillinger, between September 8 and 15, 1933, Harry Copeland, who is now confined in the Indiana State Penitentiary and who took part in the jail delivery of John Dillinger at Lima on October 12, at which time the sheriff was killed, purchased an Oldsmobile automobile from the Spier Motor Sales Company of Chicago as Arthur S. Charrington, 2518 Sunnyside Avenue. The above address, it has been ascertained, is an apartment house and it was learned that Copeland had on several occasions

gone under the name of Cherrington.

Ann Martin. It has been definitely established, was arrested with Pierpont, Billinger, Clark and McKay at Tucson, Arizona on January 23, 1934, and that she is the sweetheart of John Billinger. The description furnished by the Los Angeles office today of the above referred to Ann Martin is identical with the description of the Indian woman known as Evelyn Frochette alias Ann Jackson, who is now residing at No. 73 Winemore and she also visits Russell Clark's mother at Hill Chandler, where they recently moved.

The Chicago office has a photograph of Frochette, which is now being exhibited to Sheriff Malley at Crown Point, Indiana, and also to the prosecuting attorney there to determine if she is the same person who appeared at the County Jail, Crown Point, on February 12, 1934 and posed as Billinger's wife. Also the photograph will be forwarded to Detroit to be exhibited to police officers here who have seen Ann Jackson alias Ann Martin. When this has been completed, we will definitely establish her identity. From all indications at the present time, however, she is the same.

The Chicago office has advised on March 13, 1934, from a point in Wisconsin, a telegram was sent to Mrs. Ann Jackson, 73 East Winemore, Highland Park, reading as follows:

"Received your wire but cannot understand. Will meet you at 901 Addison Street".

This wire, Chicago believes, was sent by Evelyn Frochette. However, as above stated, Mrs. Ann Jackson is presumed to be her also. It will be noted in this memorandum that Walton Spark, who is believed to be the husband of Evelyn Frochette, corresponds with a Mrs. W. Spark at 901 Addison. From this it appears that perhaps Evelyn Frochette, alias Ann Jackson, alias Martin, either resides or has a connection at 901 Addison, in addition to 1832 Belmont, where Mrs. Cherrington is supposed to reside.

The description of Evelyn Frochette furnished by the Indian Agency at Keshena, Wisconsin, is as follows:

Age	25
Height	5' 4" or 5'
Weight	Approximately 120
Build	Slender
Hair	Dark
Complexion	Fair

Quite good looking.

Another description furnished by Sheriff Lillian Malley, Crown Point, of the Mrs. Billinger who appeared there on February 16 with Attorney Piquett, a former city prosecutor at Chicago, is as follows:

Age	25
Height	5' 5" or 6"
Weight	115 - 120
Eyes	Dark
Hair	Brown, long, wavy
Complexion	Dark, swarthy

Should be taken for a part Indian, Mexican or Italian.

Communication has today been received from Chicago advising that one Elias Bury, of Highland Park, Michigan, is reported to have visited Neopit, Wisconsin, the birth-place of Evelyn Frochette, in the summer of 1933 and stayed with friends of the Frochette woman. At that time he was driving an Auburn sedan. In view of the fact that this woman is now residing at 75 Windemere, Highland Park, it appears that there might be some connection between she and Bury. The Detroit police have meager information to the effect that an Auburn Sedan has been seen in front of 75 Windemere or 811 Chandler. Chicago also today advises that Evelyn Frochette, on December 23, 1933, received an Essex Coupe, Motor Number 21123, 1931 model, which was transferred to her by one Frank Kirtley at Daytona Beach, Florida. The signature appearing on the bill of sale strongly indicates that Frank Kirtley is identical with John Dillinger. Shortly thereafter, Miss Frochette furnished this automobile in a wreck on her way to the Indian reservation at Shawano, Wisconsin, and on January 13, 1934, she evidently purchased another Essex Coupe, 1933 model, Motor Number 14323, for which a Wisconsin 1934 license No. 28001 was issued. Chicago advises that these tags were found on the automobile belonging to Dillinger when he was apprehended at Tucson.

The Detroit police have informed us that they were told by Mr. Ryan of the Indiana State Police that Ann Jackson, alias Ann Martin, who is now residing at 75 Windemere and who is identical with the Ann Martin apprehended at Tucson, Arizona, visited Harry Copeland at the Indiana State Penitentiary, Michigan City, February 16, 1934. She is alleged to have talked to Copeland three hours in order that the Indiana State Police would be able to obtain a good view of her. Mr. Ryan definitely states that the person now at 75 Windemere is the person who visited Harry Copeland. It will be noted in the contents of this memorandum, also on February 16, 1934, a woman calling herself Mrs. Dillinger, visited Dillinger at the County Jail, Crown Point, Indiana, and it is believed that Mrs. Dillinger is identical with Ann Jackson, alias Martin, who visited Harry Copeland. Sheriff Kelley, at Crown Point, says that "Mrs. Dillinger" wore a black broadcloth coat, with an imitation carnal fur collar; also a cheap black turban and a black crepe dress; that she spoke with a good deal of slang and appeared to be under the influence of intoxicants.

Edward Shouse, who participated in the murder of Sheriff Sarter, on October 12, at Lima, and who is now confined in the Indiana State Penitentiary, following his apprehension at Paris, Illinois, has talked to Agents from the Chicago office and he stated that John Dillinger is a close associate of Evelyn Frochette, known to the gang as Billie. He also stated that Frochette's

husband is now at Leavenworth, and this has been verified. Shouse believes Billinger will be associated with the Freshette woman in the future. The photograph which is being shown to Sheriff Bailey at Crown Point, of Freshette, will also be exhibited to Edward Shouse. Shouse, accompanied by nine others, made a wholesale delivery at Michigan City, Indiana on September 20, 1933.

Lieutenant Leonard, of the Detroit attachment of the State Police, today advised information had been received from the Sheriff's Department at Ithaca, Michigan, reporting that on February 13, 1934, a Ford V-8 Sedan, license number 6030, came through North Star, Michigan, located in Hurst County, and picked up June Young, twelve years old, and took her to 75 Windemere, Highland Park, Michigan. The mother of June Young lives at this address and is reported to go by the name of Mrs. Charrington, alias Mrs. Jacques. The woman at North Star, who is keeping the girl, June, is now in Indiana. The mother is reported to be getting money some way without working.

W. LARSON,  
Special Agent in Charge

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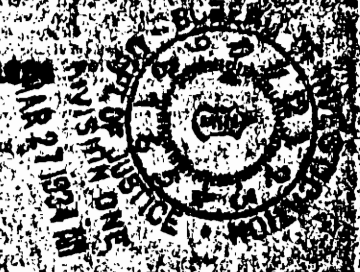
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**DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION**  
**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
**1801 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG.**  
**EL PASO, TEXAS**

**LOS ANGELES, CALIF.**  
**MARCH 19, 1934**

REFERENCE YOUR WIRE RE JOHN DILLINGER DATED SIXTH INSTANT WPPA FROM T. J. JONES  
 CONTACTED HAS NO INFORMATION REGARDING HIS WHEREABOUTS BUT SUGGESTS HER FATHER  
 RESIDES IN TOYNEVALE TEXAS POSSIBLY AWARE OF HIS WHEREABOUTS

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Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

March 23, 1934

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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: JOHN DILLINGER with aliases  
I. O. #1217, et al  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT/ACE



This will confirm my long distance telephone conversation with Mr. Clegg of the Division night before last at about ten o'clock. Mr. Clegg advised that the Division was in receipt of a telegram from the Citizens State Bank, St. Cloud, Florida, informing that the bank had been robbed on March 21, 1934, by two or three men, one of whom had been identified as John Dillinger.

At 3 P. M. on March 21, 1934, the writer was advised by the Jacksonville Police Department that the Citizens State Bank at St. Cloud, Florida, had been robbed a few minutes prior to that time and that information had been received that Dillinger might have been one of the robbers. Mr. John Montgomery, Secretary, Detective Bureau, advised that this information had been broadcast to all officers in the State of Florida, and they were instructed to be on the lookout for these robbers. All law-enforcement officers were furnished with a description of the automobile used in the robbery.

Pursuant to Mr. Clegg's instructions, I immediately contacted Resident Agent R. L. Shivers at Tampa, Florida, and instructed him to proceed as soon as possible to St. Cloud to contact the officials of the Citizens State Bank in that town and to exhibit to them photographs of Dillinger to determine whether he was one of the participants in the bank robbery. Agent Shivers informed me that he had previously been advised of the robbery and that all officers in Osceola County, in which St. Cloud is located, and surrounding counties were on the roads in an effort to apprehend the robbers.

Pursuant to Mr. Clegg's instructions, I also by long distance telephone communicated with E. G. Hunter, Chairman of the Board, Citizens State Bank, St. Cloud, Florida. He informed that representatives of the insurance company had appeared in St. Cloud with photographs of Dillinger and other bank robbers and that persons in the bank during the robbery, after viewing pictures of Dillinger, had stated they believed he was one of the men involved. Mr. Hunter stated that the robbery took place

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about 2:40 P. M. on March 21, 1934, and that the robbers obtained about ten thousand dollars in currency; that two of the robbers entered the bank; one remained in the door way. That in front of the bank they had parked a Plymouth coach bearing 1934 Indiana license tags number 372458; that this car had been stolen on March 15, 1934, from Haines City, Florida, the motor number being 90379, serial number 1831352. This car was used in the get-away. The robbers forced the cashier of the bank to accompany them for about two blocks, when they kicked him off. Mr. Hunter advised that the robbers had been chased into Orlando by the officers and they were headed toward Tavares, Florida, which is located about thirty miles northwest of Orlando, Florida.

During the night of March 21st the writer conferred with police officials and the sheriff's office in Jacksonville, Florida, and they advised that all officers attached to their departments had been instructed to be on the lookout for the automobile previously described and the robbers. They also informed that all officers in Florida, by radio and other methods of communication, had been informed of the robbery and requested to take appropriate action with a view of apprehending the persons involved in this robbery.

Very truly yours,




R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc Chicago  
Jax #26-2682

ADDENDUM: Since the above letter was typed, by long distance telephone, Special Agent R. L. Shivers from Orlando, Florida, communicated with me and advised that persons in the bank at St. Cloud, Florida, when the same was robbed on March 21, 1934, who had an opportunity to observe the robbers, were unable to identify any one of the three as being Dillinger. Agent Shivers informed that the descriptions of the robbers in no way tallied with the description of Dillinger. One of the men in the bank during the robbery stated that one of the robbers had a dimple in his chin.

Concerning this matter, further information will be furnished the Division as soon as I receive Agent Shivers' report.



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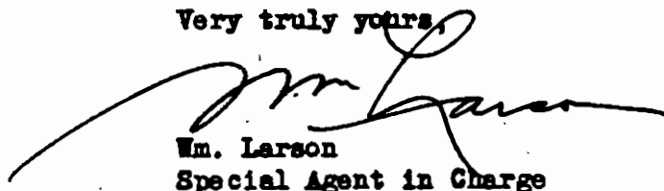
Director  
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U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that Special Agents J. F. Sears and Lish Whitson arrived in Detroit from Cincinnati, Ohio 7:40 p.m. March 21 on temporary assignment concerning the case of JOHN DILLINGER, I.O. #1217, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. Both of these agents will be engaged in keeping EVELYN FRECHETTE alias ANN JACKSON alias ANN MARTIN, Dillinger's sweetheart, who is now in Detroit, under surveillance.

They are stopping at Hotel Royal Palms, 2305 Park Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, Telephone Cadillac 8310.

Very truly yours,



Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

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Dear Sir:-

Re: John Herbert Dillinger, with  
aliases, et al, I.O. 1217, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Reference is made to Division letter of March 21, 1934, relative to Division telegram dated March 6, 1934, quoting the telegram received from S. J. Iles, Chief of Police, Lake Charles, Louisiana, to the effect that he had in custody Dwight Rumbaugh, in whose possession the address of John Dillinger was found, and requesting immediate investigation.

You are advised that there is no record of the Division telegram referred to in the New Orleans office file. Immediately upon receipt of the Division's letter today, I communicated with Chief of Police S. J. Iles, Jr., at Lake Charles, Louisiana, by telephone. He advised that at the request of the Sheriff at Erie, Kansas, he arrested Dwight Rumbaugh at Lake Charles; that at the time of his arrest, Rumbaugh had in his possession a note book containing numerous names and addresses, including the name of John Dillinger; that the address given for Dillinger in the book was the Vienna Restaurant, Trenton, New Jersey; that he, Chief Iles, endeavored to ascertain from Rumbaugh whether the John Dillinger listed in the note book is identical with the Subject of this investigation but that he was unsuccessful in eliciting any satisfactory information from Rumbaugh regarding this matter; that at the time of his arrest at Lake Charles, Rumbaugh also had in his possession a map of a robbery or prospective robbery at St. Louis, Missouri; that Rumbaugh had all the appearance of being a dangerous criminal, although he, Chief Iles, could get no definite or satisfactory information concerning his connections and activities.

Chief Iles stated that on March 5, 1934, Rumbaugh was returned by the Sheriff to Erie, Kansas, and that he, Chief Iles, gave the Sheriff from Erie, Kansas, the above mentioned note book and maps at the time the Sheriff took custody of Rumbaugh for the return trip to Erie.

Chief Iles stated that he has no further information regarding this matter; that on the day following the departure of the Sheriff for Erie with Rumbaugh, he, Iles, addressed a telegram to the Division relative to this matter; that this telegram was not sent to the New Orleans office because he knew that Rumbaugh was no longer in this territory.

It appears that any further information will have to be obtained from the Sheriff at Erie, Kansas, who has the note book and maps above referred to

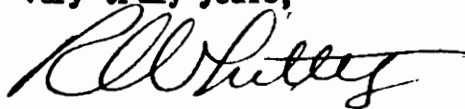
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in his possession, or by interview with Rumbaugh, who is now being held for State trial at Erie.

In the absence of instructions, no further action is being taken by the New Orleans office.

Very truly yours,



R. Whitley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Kansas City

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

Re: John Herbert Billinger, with aliases,  
et al, I.O. #1217,  
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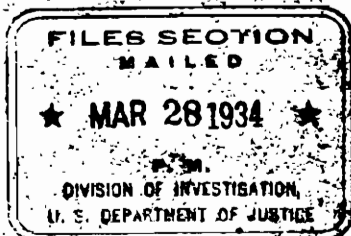
Dear Sir:

Please refer to letter directed to the Division from  
the New Orleans Office, dated March 23, 1934, a copy of which  
was furnished your office, and conduct appropriate investigation  
at Eric, Kansas, based upon the information appearing therein.

Please give this prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
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DIRECTOR  
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March 13, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

After receiving information by telephone from Special Agent in Charge Cooney to the effect that the attorney for the Dillinger gang at Lima, Ohio, had received \$100.00 by Western Union from Eldorado, Kansas, secured the assistance of Capt. W. O. Lyley the Wichita Police and went with him to Eldorado, Kansas.

**[REDACTED]** Eldorado, Kansas said that Mrs. F. L. (Mildred) Barthelmy had lived at 411 North Main from an unknown date to 2-27-32; then at 122 E. 1st until 1-19-33; then at 608 N. Main (waitress at a hamburger stand) to 12-18-33 when her address was changed to 121 West 1st St., a rooming house run by a Mrs. Hilmer.

Mrs. Barthelmy has a sister, Mrs. Clarence E. (Florence) Naus who lived at 1113 N. 2nd St. in Eldorado from 2-10-25 to 2-1-33 and since at 325 North Allegheny. Her husband is listed as a tooldresser (this being an oil town) and there are two others Harold and Charles Naus, at the address listed as students.

Mr. Norval and Mr. Best of the Eldorado Police Dept. say that Mrs. Barthelmy came to town about the time of the 1918 oil boom; that she came in a truck with a husband much older, a man with a scar on his lower lip. She has quit him, and his whereabouts is unknown.

**[REDACTED]**  
Note from the clippings in tonight's paper that these two women are sisters to Wakley and that they are now in Lima, Ohio, where he is to be tried.

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In view of the fact that I accomplished what was requested, the learning of the identity of Mrs. Bartholomy, I did not interview Western Union employees at Eldorado. The woman sent \$100.00 to their brother's attorney and went to Lima, Ohio for the trial.

The police at Eldorado have a photo of John Dillinger but have seen nothing to indicate his presence in the vicinity. Charles Makley is also unknown as a visitor to the city.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. CALHOUN  
Special Agent

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KANSAS CITY, MO.

March 15, 1934

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
MAR 21 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
486 U. S. Custom House & P. O. Bldg.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: JOHN WILLINGER, with aliases  
I. O. #1817, et al  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 13,  
1934 confirming our telephonic conversation of that date  
relative to the above captioned case.

There is being attached to each copy of this letter  
a copy of memorandum submitted by Special Agent J. B. Cal-  
houn. In view of the information in Agent Calhoun's memo-  
randum and that of your telegram dated March 14, 1934, no  
further investigation is being made of this angle at Colorado,  
Kansas.

Very truly yours,

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KANSAS CITY, MO.

March 18, 1934

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

Re: JOHN DILLINGER, with aliases  
I. O. #1217, et al  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 18,  
1934 requesting that a list of the correspondents of Walter  
Spark be obtained from the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth,  
Kansas as a basis for investigation to locate Mary Evelyn  
Frachette with aliases, the wife of Spark, and an associate  
of John Dillinger.

Please be advised this information was submitted  
to you in letter from this office under date of March 8,  
1934; wherein it will be noted Spark's given name is Walton  
and not Walter.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONRAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Suite 1, Federal Building  
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: JOHN MILLINGER, with  
aliases,  
Harbert, Laughland  
National Motor Vehicle  
Theft Act

Dear Sir:

Relative to the above entitled case, it has been  
ascertained by this office that Evalyn Frechette, the half-  
breed Indian, associate of John Millinger, was a brother  
attending Haskell Institute at Lawrence, Kansas. During the  
fall of 1933, Evalyn Frechette in company with another man,  
whose identity is now unknown, visited her brother Howard  
at the Haskell Institute, at which time her male companion  
gave her brother a sum of money.

It is requested that appropriate inquiry be made at  
the Haskell Institute to determine whether the person accom-  
panying Evalyn was in fact John Millinger.

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Very truly yours,

J. H. DAVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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

MR. JOHN BILLINGER  
with aliases  
Harbert Laughlin  
National Motor Vehicle  
Theft Act

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telephone conversation of March 18, 1934, in connection with the above entitled case, it is suggested that appropriate inquiry be made concerning the identity and possible connection with Billinger of Evelyn Froehotte of One Miles Barry of Highland Park, Michigan, who, it has been reported, visited Neopit, Wisconsin some time ago in an Auburn sedan. Neopit, Wisconsin, you will recall is the birth place and home of Evelyn Froehotte, the alleged associate of Billinger.

Very truly yours,

E.H. JONES  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Division

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**Detroit, Michigan.  
March 19, 1934**

**H. H. FURVIE**  
Division of Investigation  
U S Department of Justice  
1800 Bankers Building  
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1900 Bankers Building,  
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Dear Sir:

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M. H. FURVIE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Chicago  
Illinois

Division

Re: John Dillinger, with aliases; Herbert Youngblood;  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

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Detroit, Michigan  
March 21, 1934

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

Re: John Dillinger, with aliases, et al,  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of T. F. Mallin, Chicago, dated  
2/19/34.

It is noted in the above referred to report that the name of  
one Lealie Emswiler was mentioned as a member of the Dillinger gang, and  
who is now incarcerated in the Wisconsin State Penitentiary at Waupun,  
Wisconsin as a result of a bank robbery at Racine, Wisconsin.

For your information in this connection, please be advised that  
while at Lima, Ohio a few days ago I had an opportunity to interview  
Edward Shouse who escaped from the Indiana State Penitentiary with Harry  
Pierpont and eight other convicts on 9/24/33, and who was later apprehended  
at Paris, Illinois and is now incarcerated in the Penitentiary. Shouse had  
been transferred to Lima to appear as a State witness against Pierpont. He  
informed me that Pierpont and Dillinger robbed the police stations at  
Auburn and Peru, Indiana in October 1933, at which time several revolvers,  
rifles, bullet proof vests, tear gas and other equipment were stolen.

He stated that Pierpont and Dillinger alone took the police station  
at Auburn and that a man who is now incarcerated in the Wisconsin State  
Penitentiary, following the robbery of a bank at Racine, Wisconsin, was the  
third man who took part in the police station robbery at Peru. He stated  
that he did not desire to mention his name.

It now appears from the report of Agent Mallin that this third man  
is Lealie Emswiler. From the above it will be noted that Emswiler was very closely  
associated with Dillinger - hence, he undoubtedly is in a position to furnish  
valuable information regarding Dillinger's hideouts - particularly, when he  
is confronted with the fact that it is known that he took part in the police  
station robbery, which might be held as a "chip" over him with the thought of  
future prosecution.

With further regard to the above referred to report, please be  
advised that there is some information to the effect that one of the women

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living at #75 Windemere St., Highland Park, which is the home of the sister of Russell Clark, is alleged to have recently undergone quite a serious operation. It is noted in Agent Mallon's report that a daughter of Elmer Hamilton, brother of Fugitive John Hamilton, was recently released from a hospital at Kenosha, Wisconsin, [REDACTED]

It has been determined that Ann Jackson, alias Ann Martin, a sweetheart of Dillinger's, is now living at the above address together with Opal Long who was taken into custody with Russell Clark at Tucson, Arizona, and there is a possibility that the daughter of Elmer Hamilton might also be living there as different women have been seen coming and going from this address.

In view of the above it is requested that a complete description be secured of Elmer Hamilton's daughter, also that her name be obtained. It has occurred to me that in the event John Hamilton is with Dillinger at the present time, both of these individuals might be contemplating going to the above address in Highland Park in the future.

Very truly yours,

W. Larson,  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Division ✓  
Cincinnati

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1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

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SPECIAL DELIVERY

March 23, 1934

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

John Hillinger, et al.  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act  
Chicago File No. 32-3285

Dear Sir:

With reference to the above entitled case it has been ascertained by Agents of this office that the woman attorney who defended one of the Hillinger gang recently at Lima, Ohio, who was prosecuted for murder, has imparted information to some of the Indiana State officials.

This information, among other things, indicated that Hamilton, one of the gang, is still alive.

It has also been determined that this attorney, whose name is at present unknown to this office, has not received her fee and for that reason it is suggested that if an Agent from your office contact her and interview her under appropriate circumstances, that she may divulge information of value in locating Hillinger. It should not be made known to her that it has been learned that she imparted information to the Indiana authorities, but it is suggested that she be informed that any information furnished her on the part of Division Agents will be held in strict confidence.

There is enclosed a photograph of Francis Froehette, sister of Evelyn Froehette. Francis is sometimes referred to as "Fut" or "Futty". She has been questioned by Agents of this office but no information has yet been developed which connects her in any way with the Hillinger mob, however, it is believed that the photograph may be of some value to your office during the course of this investigation.

J. W. [unclear]

Enc.

cc Division

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KANSAS CITY, MO.

March 20, 1934

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

Re: JOHN DILLINGER, with aliases  
I. O. #1219, et al  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

Dear Sir:

Please be advised a call was recently received at this office from [redacted] attorney, located at [redacted] Kansas City, Kansas, [redacted] stating that he had information to furnish relative to the Dillinger case.

[redacted] was personally interviewed by Special Agent C. F. Hurley at which time [redacted] advised that he had a client, [redacted] who resided at [redacted] Kansas City, Kansas, this client having informed [redacted] that she was acquainted with Robert G. Estell, County Prosecutor at Crown Point, Indiana from which point Dillinger recently escaped.

[redacted], according to [redacted] advised that Estell formerly resided in Kansas City, Kansas; that he is a Mexican by nationality; that about seven years ago he absconded from Kansas City, Kansas [redacted] that at that time he went to the state of Indiana where he was admitted to the bar, although he had never studied law. [redacted] informed [redacted] that she was strongly of the opinion that Dillinger and Estell were friends and stated that she believed Estell was instrumental in having Dillinger incarcerated in the County Jail at Crown Point, Indiana after he had been taken into custody. [redacted] was of the opinion that Estell might have been instrumental in the escape of Dillinger and she therefore stated to [redacted] that Estell's father owned considerable property in Mexico. She was of the opinion that Dillinger might hide on Estell's father's estate which is in close proximity to the international motor line.

The above information is being transmitted to you for any value it may have in connection with the instant case.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc-Division  
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Suite 1 -  
Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri,  
March 24, 1934.

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



Dear Sir:

RE: JOHN BILLINGER, with aliases  
HERBERT YOUNGBLOOD  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

Referring to your letter of March 19, 1934, investigation was made by Special Agent B. J. Allen at the Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kansas, relative to one Howard Frechette, brother of Evelyn Frechette, an associate of John Billinger.

[REDACTED] caused a search to be made of the school records which fail to disclose the name of Howard Frechette since 1920. [REDACTED] has advised that the students at Haskell Institute quite frequently have as many as ten names, which they use freely from time to time, and that it is possible that if Howard Frechette is a student at the institute, he is probably using another name. [REDACTED] suggested that should the Division be able to ascertain from which reservation Howard Frechette was sent, that it might be possible to ascertain whether he is there under another name. [REDACTED] made discreet inquiries of the dormitory supervisors, who advised that they did not recall any student having been visited by his sister during the fall of 1933.

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Very truly yours,

M. C. STAP, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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Letter to THE CITIZENS STATE BANK

*See Porter, Pres.  
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Phoned etc.  
3/21/34*

*memo to Director  
3/22/34  
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- MR. LOCKE
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Go after this  
at once.

*J. G. H.*

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Division of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

March 22, 1934.

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Mr. Nathan	.....
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Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Carson	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Gurnea	.....
Mr. Hendon	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Upon receipt of the attached telegram from a bank at St. Cloud, Florida, last night I telephoned Mr. Alt at Jacksonville, informing him that the bank had wired the Division indicating that Dillinger had been identified in the robbery of the Citizens State Bank. Mr. Alt stated he knew of the matter; that the bank robbery had occurred shortly after three o'clock in the afternoon, although the Division was not informed relative thereto until the telegram was received from the bank after 8:00 P. M. I told Mr. Alt that he should communicate immediately by telephone with either the President or Cashier of the bank and that he should likewise dispatch an Agent to St. Cloud to make the necessary investigation relative to the possibility of locating Dillinger. He stated Special Agent Shivers would be instructed to call upon the bank officials for this purpose.

*John Dillinger*

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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March 24, 1934.

62-29777-190  
Mr. E. W. Fortson,  
President, The Citizens State Bank,  
St. Cloud, Florida.

Dear Mr. Fortson:

I am in receipt of your telegram dated March 21, 1934, relative to the robbery of your bank on that date and the identification of the photograph of John Millinger in connection with the robbery.

You are advised that immediately upon receipt of your telegram the Special Agent in Charge of the Jacksonville office of this Division was advised by telephone to take immediate steps looking toward the location of Millinger and to have an Agent confer with you at the earliest practicable date. I was advised by the Division's Jacksonville office, out of which the Special Agents work in the State of Florida, that the robbery had occurred some hours before the receipt of your telegram and the Jacksonville office was in possession of the information relative to the robbery, and was further advised as to the arrangements that had been made looking toward the apprehension of the guilty parties. You are aware, of course, that bank robberies are not included among the violations of the Federal Statutes. However, Special Agents of this Division are always ready to lend full cooperation to law enforcement officers in the solution of crime problems which arise. The fingerprint identification unit of this Division is available, as well as the Division's Technical Laboratory and Scientific Laboratory in the event their services are needed and a Special Agent has been instructed to confer with you relative to this matter and, likewise, Special Agents of this Division have been instructed to conduct all necessary investigation looking toward the location of Millinger, who is wanted for a Federal as well as state violations.

I desire to express to you my appreciation for your having informed me of this matter, which received prompt attention upon receipt of your telegram.

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MR. NATHAN	.....
MR. TOLSON	.....
MR. CLEGG	..... ✓
MR. COWLEY	.....
MR. EDWARDS	.....
MR. EGAN	.....
MR. QUINN	.....
MR. LESTER	.....
MR. LOCKE	.....
MR. RORER	.....

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Lem W. Houston, Sports Editor, of the  
Fredericksburg, Virginia Freelance, telephoned me  
information concerning an individual who looked like  
Dillinger. The details of the information are in-  
cluded in the attached letter to the Washington Field  
Office, which has been prepared for your signature, if  
approved.

Respectfully,

*H. H. Clegg*  
H. H. Clegg  
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*John Dillinger  
Fredericksburg*

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Mr. CLEGG	.....
Mr. COWLEY	.....
Mr. HARDS	.....
Mr. EGAN	.....
Mr. QUINN	.....
Mr. LESTER	.....
CHIEF CLERK	.....
Mr. MORAN	.....

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

A lady who refused to give her name called and stated that after seeing photographs of Dillinger in the newspapers she felt certain she saw him just beyond the Connecticut Avenue Bridge last Thursday; that he was wearing at the time black trousers, a black and white overcoat with a grey felt hat; that she saw him as he was entering the Piggly-Wiggly store; that it appeared to her that he was living in that immediate vicinity, probably in one of the apartment houses. She refused to give her name but stated she would call again this afternoon. This information was given to the Washington Field Office.

Respectfully,

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

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Laboratory Report

March 24, 1934.

Case: John Dillinger, et al; National Motor  
Vehicle Theft Act.

Number: 62-29777-145.

Specimens: 1 bill of sale executed December 26, 1933, and signed  
"Mr. Frank Kirtley".

Examination requested by: Chicago Office.

Date received: March 20, 1934.

Examination requested: Handwriting.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A. Appel

March 20. It is believed that Dillinger may have written the signature  
of Mr. Frank Kirtley on the bill of sale but an adequate comparison for a  
conclusive determination cannot be made. There are similarities in the  
small I, R, N, and Y.

The original bill of sale is being returned to the Chicago  
Office.

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State of Florida.  
County of Volusia.

I, Frank Kirkly, do hereby sell, transfer, and assign to Miss. Evelyn Prechette, of Neopit, Wisconsin., One Terraplane Essex Eight, Coupe, Car No. 70921, Motor No. 21192, key No. 404., free of all incumberances.

*Mr Frank Kirkly* (SEAL)

State of Florida.  
County of Volusia.

Personally appeared before a Notary Public in and for the State of Florida at large, Mr. Frank Kirkly, who signed the above Bill of Sale,

Witness my hand and seal at Daytona Beach, Volusia Co., Florida this 26th Day of December, 1933.

*J. R. Beach*

Notary Public, State of Florida at Large  
My Commission Expires Mar. 21, 1936

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

MAR 28 1934

RE: JOHN DILLINGER et al -  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division March 20, 1934.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

Director

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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MR. NATHAN	
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MR. LOCKE	
MR. RORER	

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. H. L. Clark, of the Signal Intelligence Division of the War Department, branch 2249, telephoned inquiring as to whether the Division had specimens of cryptograms, or code messages, relative to the Dillinger transaction. I inquired as to the purpose of the inquiry and Mr. Clark stated that they had such messages there and wanted to see all possible specimens.

In Mr. Edwards' absence, I inquired at the Technical Laboratory and found that there was one cryptogram, allegedly involving members of the Dillinger gang, available there, and I, therefore, suggested to Mr. Clark that he take his specimens to the Laboratory so that the combined information might be available. He then put Mr. Freed, the Chief of his division on the telephone, and Mr. Freed stated that he would take the messages which they had personally to our Laboratory.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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H. L. Clark  
of War Department

*Handwritten initials:* EM



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 23, 1934.

MR. NATHAN	✓
MR. TOLSON	✓
MR. CLEGG	
MR. COWLEY	
MR. EDWARDS	
MR. EGAN	
MR. QUINN	
MR. LESTER	✓
MR. LOCKE	
MR. RORER	

*w. H. S. G.*

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Fitzmaurice called at this office and stated that he had been in Washington for about one week only; that he had previously been stationed at Chicago; that he was here representing the Hearst papers and wanted information from which he could write an article concerning the Division's activities in the search for Dillinger. I told him, of course, the Division had no such information for release; that any information concerning the "Department's activities" should be obtained through Mr. Gates. He stated that he had understood that it was practically impossible to get information from this source; that he had discussed the matter with Mr. Carusi and he also advised that he did not believe the Division could consistently make any release concerning Dillinger at the present time.

Respectfully,

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

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1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

March 23, 1934

MAR 23 1934

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

Re: JOHN HERBERT HILLINGER, was  
Alibon, I.O. 1217; BREKID BANK  
NATL. BKT. VTL. TRUST ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of the 23rd instant, in which were enclosed photographs of Evelyn Frechette and Ann Martin, requesting that same be exhibited to various people in Crown Point as well as to Ed Shouse, at present incarcerated at the Indiana State Penitentiary, Michigan City, Indiana.

These photographs were submitted to Robert Merrill, State's Attorney, F. S. Vance, Assistant State's Attorney, Lake County, Crown Point, Indiana, James Regan, Chief Investigator for the State's Attorney at Crown Point, Indiana, Sam Cahoon, head man, County Jail, Crown Point, Indiana, as well as Carroll Holley, Chief Deputy Sheriff, and Mrs. Lillian Holley, Sheriff at Crown Point, Indiana, and all positively, without any hesitancy, identified the picture of Evelyn Frechette as the woman who appeared at the County Jail on February 18, 1934, and represented herself to be Mrs. Hillinger. Not any of the above individuals, however, would identify the picture of Ann Martin as being Evelyn Frechette.

However, all of these photographs were presented to Edward Shouse, who is at the present time in solitary confinement at the Indiana State Penitentiary, Michigan City, Indiana, having been one of the former Hillinger mob, and he identified the picture of Evelyn Frechette as the individual whom he knows as Ann Martin, who is also called "Billie". Without any hesitancy, he further identified the police photograph of Ann Martin, taken at Tucson, Arizona, on January 25, 1934, as positively being the photograph of Evelyn Frechette, and explained his certainty of the identification of Ann Martin as being the same individual as the Frechette woman, due to the fact that he had been with her several times in the company of Hillinger before he, Shouse, was apprehended.

TFM:AB  
CC-Division ✓  
Los Angeles  
26-5885

M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

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Agent in Charge Purvis telephoned to request authority to employ [redacted] as a confidential informant. He stated that [redacted] called upon him last fall while Billinger was a fugitive, and asked Mr. Purvis to pay his expenses to Indianapolis for the purpose of getting some information. However, they did not employ him at that time. Mr. Purvis stated he had now received information that the way to ascertain Billinger's whereabouts is through [redacted] in Chicago, and that [redacted] could get in touch with [redacted]. Mr. Purvis wrote [redacted] letter, asking him to call at his office, and he called today. He voluntarily gave Mr. Purvis the address of [redacted] which is correct, and also told him that [redacted] is the man who rented apartments for Billinger. [redacted] is a former racketeer, now out of work. It will be necessary to pay him \$10.00 a day for his services. I authorized Mr. Purvis to employ him. So, Mr. Purvis, stated that if they pay his expenses to Lima, Ohio and to Wausau, Wisconsin, it may be possible to gain some information of value.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

*Handwritten initials/signature*

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MEMORANDUM

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DR. R. L. HEINES  
435 Drayton Street  
SAVANNAH, GA.

"Scientific Chiropractic Will Make You Well"

Sunday Night  
Mar. 4th, 1934

Franklyn D. Roosevelt President  
White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dr. President Roosevelt,

I know John Dillinger who escaped  
Crown Point Prison. I knew him when I lived in Mooresville,  
Ind. and went to Sunday School with him.

He is good deep down in his heart  
and doesn't mean to kill anyone, only in self defense.  
he has truly proven that. All this started over a gurrel  
he and his father had years ago.

Dillenger has proven he is an  
expert in the field he is in. So I am asking that you  
withdraw all hunts for him, and announce you have use for  
him, in helping and studying the methods and whereabouts  
of Desperadoes, and also traveling from state to state  
studying the methods and whereabouts of Desperadoes, and  
also traveling from state to state studying and bettering  
prison fortifications and etc.

I honestly believe the above plan  
will expediate the elimination of Bank robbers, Abductors  
and Criminals.

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--- You may use my name as it may help  
bring him in as he remembers me as a sunday school class mate  
in Mooresville. Work with a man of his type and he will help  
you study a thorough way ot eliminating the above type of men.  
I am,

Most sincerely,

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/s/ DR. R. L. HEINES

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Dr. E. L. Helms,  
435 Drayton Street,  
Savannah, Georgia.

MAR 29 1934

Dear Sir:

By reference from the President, receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated March 4, 1934, concerning John Dillinger, who recently escaped from the County Jail at Crown Point, Indiana.

The contents of your letter have been noted with much interest and the suggestions offered by you are appreciated. I have forwarded a copy of your letter to Mr. E. A. Alt, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Post Office Box 4907, Jacksonville, Florida, with instructions that he have an Agent from his office contact you at an early date for such information as you may be in a position to offer concerning John Dillinger.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with aliases,  
I. O. #1217,  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT.

Dear Sir:

There are attached copies of a letter addressed to the President, dated March 4, 1934, and signed by Dr. E. L. Heines, 435 Drayton Street, Savannah, Georgia, with reference to the above subject.

It will be noted that Dr. Heines claims to be a personal acquaintance of Dillinger and may be in a position to offer some valuable information concerning his whereabouts. For this reason it is desired that an Agent immediately contact Dr. Heines.

Very truly yours,

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Director.

Incl. #682499

1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois



March 20, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Suite 1, Federal Building  
Kansas City, Missouri

Re: JOHN HENRY MILLIGAN  
with aliases, I. O. 1217;  
ERNEST BLISS - N.E.V.F.A.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 14, 1934, concerning the above entitled case. In connection therewith, it is requested that a further inquiry be made of [redacted]

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[redacted] of the Haskell Institute, concerning a visit made there by Evelyn Frechette with an unknown man. They are supposed to have visited her brother, Howard, who comes from Neopit, Wisconsin, and is of the Menominee Indian tribe. Miss Frechette's mother has been married three times to men named Label, Frechette and Sprague, respectively. It is possible that Howard is registered at the school either under the name of Label or Sprague.

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In the event that [redacted] is able to identify Howard, the brother of Evelyn, [redacted]

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Very truly yours,

H. A. KENNIS  
Special Agent

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P. O. Box 7756  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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RJC:MGB  
26-3668  
26-5769  
22-207

March 29, 1934.

Mr. Fred R. Mackinn,  
Postmaster,  
Winchester, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith to you, two additional copies of Identification Order #1819 as to JOHN BILLINGER, as we understand somebody has removed the Identification Order previously posted on the public billboard in the Post Office, which was previously sent to you.

In this connection it would be of value to us to know who is removing these Identification Orders, especially if it is some person removing them in order to avoid some being responsible for the identification and location of Billinger. Should you learn the identity of the person who is removing these, please advise us in order that we can determine what their purpose is.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Division

Re: JOHN BILLINGER with aliases, et al.,  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

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P. O. Box #744  
Lexington, Ky.

March 20, 1934.

EJC:MEH  
26-5988  
26-5769  
62-607

Mr. S. E. Warren,  
Postmaster,  
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith to you, two additional copies of Identification Order #1217 as to JOHN HILLINGER, as we understand somebody has removed the Identification Order previously posted on the public billboard in the Post Office, which was previously sent to you.

In this connection, it would be of value to us to know who is removing these Identification Orders, especially if it is some person removing them in order to avoid same being responsible for the identification and location of Hillinger. Should you learn the identity of the person who is removing these, please advise us in order that we can determine what their purpose is.

Very truly yours,

E. J. DONNELLY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Division

Re: JOHN HILLINGER with aliases, et al.,  
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P. O. Box #766  
Cincinnati, Ohio

March 23, 1934

EJC:MER  
25-3688  
25-3789  
25-607

Postmaster,  
Mt. Sterling, Ky.

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith to you, two additional copies of Identification Order #1114 as to JOHN DILLINGER, as we understand somebody has removed the Identification Order previously posted on the public billboard in the Post Office, which was previously sent to you.

In this connection it would be of value to us to know who is removing these Identification Orders, especially if it is some person removing them in order to avoid some being responsible for the identification and location of Dillinger. Should you learn the identity of the person who is removing these, please advise us in order that we can determine what their purpose is.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Division

Re: JOHN DILLINGER with aliases, et al.,  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT.

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F. B. I. New York  
Chicago, Ill.

March 23, 1935

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Mr. Carley O. Elmoth,  
Postmaster,  
Paris, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith to you, two additional copies of Identification Order #1517 as to JOHN DILLINGER as we understand you has removed the Identification Order previously posted on the public board in the Post Office, which was previously sent to you.

In this connection it would be of value to us to know who is removing these Identification orders, especially if it is some person removing them in order to avoid some being responsible for the identification and location of Dillinger. Should you learn the identity of the person is removing these, please advise us in order that we can determine what their purpose is.

Very truly yours,

R. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Division

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

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P. O. Box #788  
Cincinnati, Ohio

EJC:MMH  
25-5988  
25-3769  
25-607

March 29, 1934

Mr. W. S. Briggs,  
Post Office Inspector,  
Federal Building,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

We wish to thank you for the information furnished by Mr. A. Fine, of your office as to the removal of the Identification Order as to John Billinger, by someone from the Post Offices at Winchester, Mt. Sterling, Paris and Lexington, Ky., and we are furnishing these Post Offices with additional copies of such orders with the request that they advise us if they learn of the identity of the party removing same.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division

Re: JOHN BILLINGER with aliases, et al.,  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

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FROM

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

TO

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press release.

2/24/34 J. E. H.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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March 23, 1934

MR. NATHAN
MR. TOLSON
MR. CLEGG
MR. COWLEY
MR. EDWARDS
MR. EGAN
MR. QUINN
MR. LESTER
MR. LOCKE
MR. RORER

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Early this week, Mr. Coffey, of the Technical Laboratory, telephoned to inquire as to the identity of one Frank Carpenter, who, according to a letter received from the Sheriff, Mason City, Iowa, is believed to be an associate of John Dillinger. I advised Mr. Coffey that so far as the Dillinger file reflects, there was no connection between the two. Mr. Coffey later advised me that the Carpenter referred to by the Sheriff is identical with Frank Dennis Carpenter, a Division fugitive in a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act case of which the Los Angeles Office is the origin.

In accordance with the present practice, there has been prepared a memorandum on Frank Dennis Carpenter for transmittal to the office of origin as of possible assistance in conducting its investigation of the case. Attached to the memorandum was a photograph of Carpenter, and the complete criminal record as reflected from the files of the Identification Unit.

A comparison of the photograph of Carpenter with that of Dillinger reflects a striking resemblance between the two, and it is quite possible that one is being mistaken for the other. The criminal record of Carpenter, attached hereto, reflects arrests from one end of the country to the other. The physical description of both Carpenter and Dillinger are nearly the same:

FRANK DENNIS CARPENTER

JOHN DILLINGER

Age	35	31
Height	5-8 1/2"	5-7 1/8"
Weight	150 pounds	153 pounds
Build	Medium	Medium
Hair	Dark chestnut	Medium chestnut
Eyes	Medium blue	Grey
Complexion	Medium dark	Medium
Occupation	Auto dealer	Mechanist

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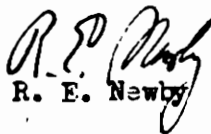
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The Sheriff at Mason City, Iowa is interested in Carpenter in that he has been identified as a participant in the bank robbery at Mason City, Iowa and it is recalled that press dispatches stated that Dillinger was a participant in this robbery, and it is possible that in this instance one has been mistaken for the other.

There is being prepared a letter to all field offices transmitting photographs of both Carpenter and Dillinger pointing out the similarity in their appearance and physical description in order that appropriate attention might be given to each.

Respectfully,

  
R. E. Newby



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to establish the true personality of the criminal in case the latter furnished such evidence.

Authorities agree that such points of similarity in any two fingers are sufficient to establish identity. One known method such prints can be detected is the mere reproduction thereof. It should be noted that it would be extremely difficult to create whether the changes reflected in the finger impressions taken after death are of a permanent character. Usually such changes or scars do not affect the ridge characteristics very greatly, when after the lapse of time the ridges may assume their original position. In Dillinger's case the changes in his ridges were affected after his escape from the Crown Point jail on March 2, 1936, and of course before his death on July 23, 1936, so it appears that sufficient time was not allowed to cure several forewounds.



**IDENTIFICATION  
ORDER NO. 1217**

March 12, 1934.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.**

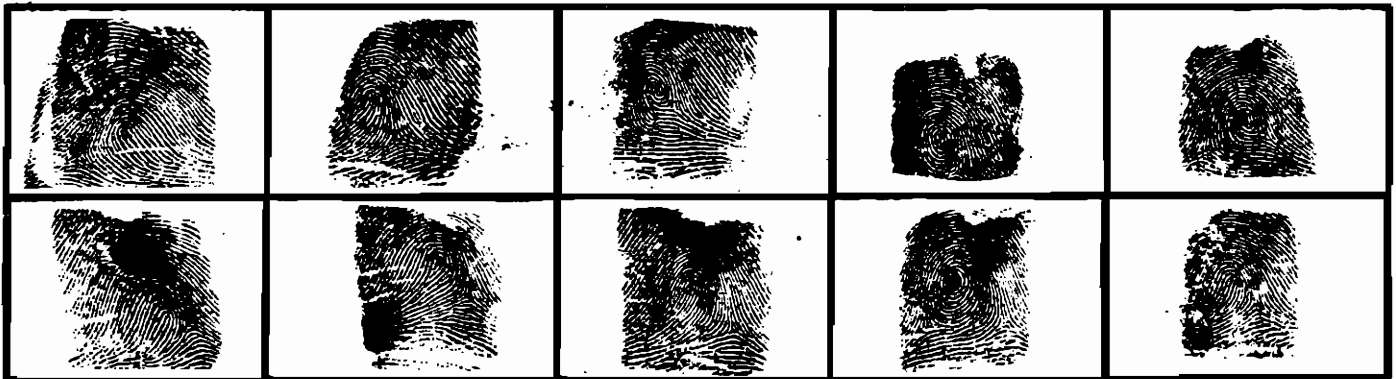
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**WANTED**

**JOHN DILLINGER, with alias,  
FRANK SULLIVAN**

**NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT**



**DESCRIPTION**

Age, 31 years  
Height, 5 feet 7-1/8 inches  
Weight, 153 pounds  
Build, medium  
Hair, medium chestnut  
Eyes, grey  
Complexion, medium  
Occupation, machinist  
Marks and scars, 1/2 inch scar  
back left hand; scar middle  
upper lip; brown mole between  
eyebrows  
Mustache

Photograph taken January 25, 1934



*John Dillinger*

**CRIMINAL RECORD**

As John Dillinger, #14395, received State Reformatory, Pendleton, Indiana, September 16, 1924; crime, assault and battery with intent to rob and conspiracy to commit a felony; sentences, 2 to 14 years and 10 to 20 years respectively;

As John Dillinger, #13225, received State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana, July 16, 1929; transferred from Indiana State Reformatory; paroled under reformatory jurisdiction, May 10, 1933; parole revoked by Governor - considered as delinquent parolee;

As John Dillinger, #10587, arrested Police Department, Dayton, Ohio, September 22, 1933; charge, fugitive; turned over to Allen County, Ohio, authorities;

As John Dillinger, received County Jail, Lima, Ohio, September 28, 1933; charge, bank robbery; escaped October 12, 1933;

As Frank Sullivan, arrested Police Department, Tucson, Arizona, January 25, 1934; charge, fugitive; turned over to Lake County, Indiana, authorities;

As John Dillinger, #14487, arrested Sheriff's Office, Crown Point, Indiana, January 30, 1934; charge, murder - bank robbery; escaped March 3, 1934.

The United States Marshal, Chicago, Illinois, holds warrant of arrest charging John Dillinger with feloniously and knowingly transporting Ford V-8 four door sedan, motor number 256447, property of Lillian Mollay, Sheriff, Lake County, Indiana, from Crown Point, Indiana to Chicago, Illinois, on or about March 3, 1934.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest office of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

If apprehended, please notify the Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the Office of the Division of Investigation listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.

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Issued by: J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice.

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CHICAGO, Illinois, 1900 Bankers' Bldg.  
CINCINNATI, Ohio,  
426 U. S. Custom House & P. O. Bldg.  
DALLAS, Texas, Post Office Bldg.  
DETROIT, Michigan, 625 Lafayette Bldg.  
EL PASO, Texas,  
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*This should make an interesting story - with publication of both photos regarding*

H. H. CLEGG

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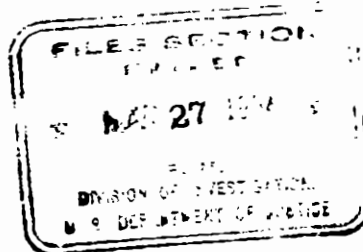
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Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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

There is attached hereto a copy of a memorandum which has been furnished the Attorney General concerning John Dillinger, the notorious bank robber, who escaped from the County Jail, Crown Point, Indiana, March 3, 1934, and Frank Dennis Carpenter, another notorious criminal and bank robber, whose activities have probably become confused with Dillinger's, in view of their striking resemblance.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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*[Handwritten signature]*



THS:mr

March 26, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT M. GATES

There is attached hereto a copy of a memorandum which has been furnished the Attorney General concerning John Dillinger, the notorious bank robber who escaped from the County Jail, Crown Point, Indiana, March 3, 1934, and Frank Dennis Carpenter, another notorious criminal and bank robber whose activities have probably become confused with Dillinger's in view of their striking resemblance.

Photographs of Dillinger and Carpenter are also attached.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director

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RE: ABE  
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March 27, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter dated  
March 21, 1934, transmitting to your office copies of an  
undated letter received in the Division from Francis J.  
Kelly, 141 Main Street, West Torrington, Massachusetts,  
wherein he stated that an individual resembling John  
Hillinger was seen by him near Pittsfield, Massachusetts,  
and requested that he be furnished with a full description  
of Hillinger.

There is enclosed herewith a copy of a newspaper  
printing out the striking resemblance between Hillinger and  
one Frank Dennis Carpenter, and it is noted from the original  
record of Carpenter that he has been arrested several times in  
the New England States, and it is quite possible that Mr. Kelly  
saw Carpenter and not Hillinger. Energy finished photographs  
of both Hillinger and Carpenter are enclosed with this letter  
and with each copy going to the offices designated below.

Frank Dennis Carpenter, with aliases, fugitive, is the  
subject of a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act case of which  
Los Angeles is the office of origin, Los Angeles File No. 26-274,  
Boston File No. 26-42, and Chicago File No. 26-452.

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FRANK CARPENTER

On March 14, 1934, there were received by the Division of Investigation from the Sheriff at Mason City, Iowa, three latent fingerprints which had been found on the steering-wheel of an automobile used in a recent bank robbery at Mason City, Iowa. The Sheriff requested that these latent fingerprints be compared with the fingerprints of John Dillinger, whose photograph had been identified as the likeness of an individual who had participated in the robbery of this bank, and with the fingerprints of Frank Dennis Carpenter, who was believed to be an associate of John Dillinger.

The photographs of John Dillinger and Frank Dennis Carpenter, which are attached hereto, disclose a striking resemblance between the two as to facial characteristics, and their physical descriptions appear quite similar. However, the fingerprints of these individuals definitely show that they are not identical. Their descriptions are:

	<u>FRANK DENNIS CARPENTER</u>	<u>JOHN DILLINGER</u>
Age	35	32
Height	5-8 1/2"	5-7 1/8"
Weight	150 pounds	157 pounds
Build	Medium	Medium
Hair	Dark chestnut	Medium chestnut
Eyes	Medium blue	Grey
Complexion	Medium dark	Medium
Occupation	Auto dealer	Mechanic

John Dillinger is wanted by the Sheriff's Office, Lake County, Indiana, on a charge of murder, which crime he is alleged to have committed while participating in a bank robbery. He is also wanted by the Federal Government for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Frank Dennis Carpenter is also wanted by the Federal Government for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, having

been indicted by the Federal Grand Jury, at Los Angeles, California on March 23, 1932, for the interstate transportation of a stolen Auburn Sedan, from St. Louis, Missouri, to Los Angeles, California, on or about June 30, 1931. He has also been positively identified as the bandit who robbed the State Bank of Byron, Minnesota, on March 17, 1933, of \$3,400.

There appear in the fingerprint files of the Division of Investigation the following known criminal records of John Billinger and Frank Dennis Carpenter:

JOHN BILLINGER

As John Billinger, #14995, received State Reformatory, Pendleton, Indiana, September 16, 1924; crime, assault and battery with intent to rob and conspiracy to commit a felony; sentences, 2 to 14 years and 10 to 20 years respectively;

As John Billinger, #13223, received State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana, July 16, 1929; transferred from Indiana State Reformatory; paroled under Reformatory jurisdiction, May 10, 1933; parole revoked by Governor - considered as delinquent parolee;

As John Billinger, #10987, arrested Police Department, Dayton, Ohio, September 22, 1933; charge, fugitive; turned over to Allen County, Ohio, authorities;

As John Billinger, received County Jail, Lima, Ohio, September 26, 1933; charge, bank robbery; escaped October 12, 1933;

As Frank Sullivan, arrested police Department, Tucson, Arizona, January 25, 1934; charge, fugitive; turned over to Lake County, Indiana, authorities;

As John Billinger, #14487, arrested Sheriff's Office, Brown Point, Indiana, January 30, 1934; charge, murder - bank robbery; escaped March 2, 1934.

**FRANK DENNIS CARPENTER**

As William Carpenter, #695, arrested Police Department, Waterbury, Connecticut, February 16, 1914; charge, theft from a peer box; fined \$5 and costs, and 30 days to 1 year probation.

As Frank Durke, #385, arrested Police Department, Long Beach, California, January 11, 1915; charge, Grand Larceny - auto thief; returned to Police Department, Los Angeles, California; disposition not given.

As William E. Carpenter, #497, arrested Police Department, Hartford, Connecticut, May 10, 1917; charge, theft of auto; discharged to Police Department, Windsor, Connecticut.

As Frank Carpenter, #736, received State Reformatory, Mashpee, Connecticut, June 9, 1917; crime, theft of auto; sentence, indefinite.

As Frank E. Carpenter, #2927, arrested Police Department, Springfield, Massachusetts, June 26, 1921; charge, assault and robbery while armed; disposition not given.

As Frank Carpenter, #4876, received State Penitentiary, Concord, New Hampshire, October 26, 1925; crime, stealing; sentence, 4 to 5 years.

As Frank Dennis Carpenter, #24444-L-1, arrested Police Department, Minneapolis, Minnesota, March 22, 1932; charge, investigation - Hyer Act; delivered to Deputy United States Marshal; released on bond; forfeited.

Post Office Box 4807,  
Jacksonville, Florida

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

March 29, 1934

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Dear Sir:

**RE: JOHN BILLINGER with aliases - I. O. #1287, et al.  
Exp's Motor Vehicle Theft Act**

This will confirm my telegram to you of this morning in which I advised that postal authorities have informed that last night one Isabella Mesmer, who gave her address as General Delivery, Jacksonville, Florida, forwarded, by registered mail, an insured package for five thousand dollars to Harry Elmerport, care Henry J. Linn, Ohio. The package, according to postal authorities, was eight inches long, three inches wide and three inches thick. I suggested that the proper State officers of Linn, Ohio, be advised with reference to this package.

After receipt of the above information, I, personally, contacted the clerk on duty at the registry window, who stated that the aforementioned package was mailed on March 26, 1934, at 8 P. M.; that the sender was Isabella Mesmer, and not Mesmerger, as stated in my telegram. The registry number of this package was 20120, and the charges were \$1.00. The clerk on duty could not furnish a description of Isabella Mesmer, nor could he give her address. He stated that in the event this woman again calls at the post office, endeavors will be made to obtain her description and address. It is possible, and highly probable, that she may in some manner be communicating with John Billinger, subject of this investigation. The postal authorities will advise in the event this woman calls at the post office again.

Very truly yours,

**W. A. RAY**  
Special Agent in Charge

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY  
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Chicago (8)  
Box #25-2382

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 1907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: John Herbert Billinger, with aliases,  
I. O. #1217, et al  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to your letter directed to the Detroit Office dated March 27, 1934, advising that Isabella Messner, who gave her address as General Delivery, Jacksonville, Florida, forwarded by registered mail on March 26, 1934, an insured package for \$5,000 to Harry Pierpont, County Jail, Lima, Ohio.

In this connection there are attached two photographs of Evelyn Frechette, who was accompanying subject Billinger at the time of his arrest in Tucson, Arizona, and who visited subject Billinger shortly before his escape from the County Jail at Crown Point, Indiana on March 3, 1934. While, it appears from your letter above mentioned that the Post Office clerk at Jacksonville was unable to furnish a description of Isabella Messner, it is probable that he may be able to identify a photograph of her. It is desired that the photograph of Evelyn Frechette be immediately displayed to the Post Office Clerk and any others who come in contact with Isabella Messner.

For your further information, a light-colored Cadillac sedan, carrying two men and one woman appeared at Highland, West Virginia on the night of March 24, 1934, where the passengers remained over night and departed on the following morning for Wheeling, Virginia. It was observed that one of these men resembled John Billinger. The Cadillac sedan was carrying Illinois license #193452, which the Superintendent of the State Police at Charleston, West Virginia has advised was issued to James Lindsey, R.F.D. #1 Tanton, Illinois for a Chevrolet coach. While as yet this angle has not been thoroughly developed, there is a possibility that Evelyn Frechette is the woman who mailed the package at Jacksonville,

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Florida to Harry Pierpont, and the Cadillac sedan bearing Illinois license #193452 may be located in Jacksonville, Florida. This also should be given thorough attention by your office.

Copies of this letter are being furnished the offices designated below for their information and two photographs of Evelyn Frechette are also being furnished the Pittsburgh Office for its assistance in conducting the investigation at Highland, West Virginia.

**Evelyn Frechette is described as follows:**

Age	25
Height	5'8" or 5'9"
Weight	Approximately 140 pounds
Hair	Blond
Color of hair	Dark
Complexion	Fair
Peculiarities	Does not possess Indian features, considered very good looking - bears bad reputation.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc Detroit  
Chicago  
Pittsburgh

Enclosure #691452



Post Office Drawer 1487  
Saint Louis, Missouri  
March 27, 1934

MAR 20 1934 PM

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the telegram from the Chicago Office dated March 18, 1934, in connection with the case entitled JOHN DILLINGER, with aliases, I. O. #1217, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Special Agent G. B. Morris of this office interviewed Don Butler, employee of the Automobile Department, Office of the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, who furnished the records of this department, which indicate that Illinois 1934 license 225-207 was issued to Fred Deichmiller, 228 North Collett Street, Danville, Illinois on March 9, 1934 for a Ford coupe, 1929 model motor No. 2114204, said plates having been mailed by the Secretary of State to Fred Deichmiller at 228 North Collett Street, Danville, Illinois on March 10, 1934 by fourth class mail. The records did not indicate in what manner the fee of \$8.50 was paid to the Secretary of State. The application shows that this automobile was purchased as a used car on February 15, 1934 under a conditional sales contract from William B. Coagrove, Rural Route No. 2, Utica, Illinois, and the amount of the lien on the car is \$115.00 in favor of the Illinois Motor Security Company, 40 1/2 Vermillion Street, Danville, Illinois.

No application was found for the registration of a motor vehicle in the name of Fred Deichmiller.

Special Agent J. O. Richey then conducted appropriate investigation at Danville, Illinois, and there interviewed Fred A. Deichmiller, 228 N. Collett Street, relative to his obtaining 1934 Illinois license tags No. 225-207. Mr. Deichmiller advised that while on a trip to Chicago, Illinois with his sister, he had made application for said tags, and mailed same at Barton Grove, Illinois, remitting a Post Office money order in payment therefor.

Mr. Deichmiller displayed for examination his registration card for said tags, and same were found to be on a 1930 Ford

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Coupe, motor No. 231004, was in his possession.

Mr. Deichmiller resides with his father, William G. Deichmiller, at 225 E. Calvert Street, Danville, Illinois, and is employed by the Danville Artificial Ice Company.

Very truly yours,

A. H. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division ✓  
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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

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March 27, 1934

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.



Dear Sir:

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

This communication is with reference to my long distance telephone conversation with Mr. Clegg of the Division on March 21, 1934, and to my letter of March 23, 1934.

I am now in receipt of a memorandum from Special Agent R. L. Shivers, Resident Agent at Tampa, Florida, in which he informs that on March 22, 1934, he made an investigation at Orlando and St. Cloud, Florida, to determine, if possible, whether John Dillinger was a participant in the robbery of the Citizens State Bank at St. Cloud, Florida, on the afternoon of March 21, 1934. Agent Shivers informed that from press accounts of the robbery appearing in the Orlando, Florida, papers for March 22, 1934, it seemed that several persons who witnessed the robbery identified the photograph of Dillinger as that of one of the participants.

At St. Cloud, Florida, Agent Shivers contacted E. G. Hunter, Chairman of the Board of the Citizens State Bank, and interviewed employees of the bank who were present during the hold-up and customers who were in the bank at the time. In no instance was any person able to identify Dillinger as one of the robbers except R. M. Scranton, a customer, who, when shown Dillinger's photograph, stated that he was sure it was of one of the men. He described Dillinger as wearing a light suit at the time. Agent Shivers states that as a matter of fact all three of the robbers were dressed in blue or black suits, and in questioning Mr. Scranton it was found that he did not have an opportunity to view the robbers sufficiently well to make an identification, and the person he identified as Dillinger was a different man from the one Mrs. Mary E. Gray, another customer who was in the bank at the time, thought was Dillinger, and her only way of making the identification was that the man she referred to had a dimple in his chin. It is Agent Shivers' opinion that the bank employees and customers were too frightened at the time to think of looking at the robbers with a view of future identification.

The robbery was staged by three men, according to Agent Shivers, whom Paul Kirkpatrick, Cashier of the bank, described as follows:

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No. 1:

Age: 30-40 years  
Height: 5 feet, 6 inches  
Weight: 150 pounds  
Complexion: ruddy  
Build: heavy for his size  
Blue suit

No. 2:

Age: over 40 years  
Height: 5 feet, 10 inches  
Weight: 170 pounds  
Complexion: sandy  
Grey whiskers

No. 3:

Age: 50 years  
Height: 6 feet  
Weight: 190 pounds  
Complexion: light  
Hair: grey

The man named as "Number 1" was the leader and cleaned the vault and cage, forcing Kirkpatrick to take the money out of the vault and take it to the waiting automobile. At all times "Number 1" told the employees and customers to turn their faces from him and not to look at him, yet as they drove away from the bank "Number 1" told the cashier, who was forced to ride on the running board of the car for one block, that if any one asked him who called to tell them it was John Dillinger.

George Costin, Constable, Orlando, Florida, a reliable contact of the Jacksonville Division office, and Sheriff Harry Hand, Orlando, informed that they were satisfied Dillinger had nothing to do with the instant robbery; that in their opinion, from the methods employed, this job was pulled by the same gang who recently robbed the bank at Orange City, Florida, and that they have a line on these men and believe they will eventually take them into custody.

Gorre Carruthers, Deputy Sheriff of Orange County, Orlando, who

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first appeared in St. Cloud, Florida, as an investigating officer of the Sheriff's force, exhibited many photographs of criminals to the persons who were in the bank during the robbery. Sheriff Harry Hand, under whom Carruthers is employed, stated to Agent Shivers that probably Carruthers in his desire for publicity had been over zealous in getting Dillinger identified as one of the participants.

Very truly yours,



R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc Chicago (2)  
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March 27, 1934

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

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Dear Sir:

The newspapers in Washington have disclosed probe dispatches from Chicago indicating that the police had raided premises in Chicago which had served as the hide-out, until a short time before, of John Dillinger. It was indicated that from photographs exhibited by the Police Department, the owner or manager of the premises had definitely identified Dillinger as one of the parties who had resided at that place until recently.

The Division has never been informed by your office of the details concerning this raid or of the information leading up to it. The Division is inclined to wonder concerning the intimate acquaintance on the part of your office with the actual developments in the Chicago district relative to the search for Dillinger. It is felt that the importance of this particular case, which has attracted nation-wide attention, is of such a character that any important move made, either by Special Agents of this Division or by local officers independently, should be immediately made known to the Division so that the information may be properly coordinated in such a manner as to be of the greatest possible benefit to all other field offices of the Division in locating this individual. It is desired that your office give vigorous attention to the location of Dillinger, whose escape occurred in the Chicago territory and whose subsequent operations, from information received, would seem to have been largely confined to the district covered by the Chicago Office.

In this connection newspaper accounts likewise disclose that an apartment had been located in Chicago by the police, which was occupied by David Elliott, Dillinger and Joseph James for 12 days following the desperado's escape from the Crown Point, Indiana jail. This apartment is the same apartment as the one above mentioned.

Please advise the Division fully in the premises.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.

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DAVID H. DRESCHER  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW  
512 U. S. BANK BUILDING  
PORT HURON, MICH.

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March 27, 1934.

Department of Justice  
Bureau of Identification  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Mr. W. M. Jury, of 3621 Moak Street, Port Hiron, Michigan claims to have given the information which led to the slaying of Herbert Youngblood by Port Hiron Officers, while seeking to avoid capture.

Mr. Jury is desirous of information from you, as to whether or not a reward had been offered for information leading to the capture of Herbert Youngblood.

Any information along this line would be appreciated, as Mr. Jury feels that if a reward had ever been offered, he would be entitled to it.

Yours very truly,

*David H. Drescher*  
David H. Drescher

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Mr. David S. Sweeney,  
Attorney and Counselor at Law,  
512 United States Bank Building,  
Port Huron, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter dated March  
27, 1934, please be advised that the Division  
of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,  
has no information that a reward was offered  
for the capture of Herbert Youngblood.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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March 21, 1934.

MR. NATHAN	.....
MR. TOLSON	.....
MR. CLEGG	.....
MR. COWLEY	.....
MR. EDWARDS	.....
MR. EGAN	.....
MR. QUINN	.....
MR. LESTER	.....
MR. LOCKE	.....
MR. HORER	.....

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent in Charge Larson called from Detroit and advised that they have ascertained where the Indian girl who has been traveling with Dillinger is located in Detroit; that she is living with the sister of Russell Clark, one of the gang picked up in Tucson; that he was informed by the police today that they had received information to the effect that Dillinger planned to come to Detroit to contact this girl but was scared off by the murder of Youngblood. Mr. Larson stated that they have had considerable difficulty in securing this information; that the Indiana State police have been covering the house and have not been giving the local police any information; that he, Larson, took the matter up with the local police and furnished them information from our files to show that the girl being covered is the girl by the name of Frichette who has been traveling with Dillinger; that they got rid of the man from the Indiana State Police and the Detroit police are relying on the Division to furnish assistance; that he is making arrangements to rent rooms across the street from where the girl is located and will keep her under surveillance.

*John Dillinger  
Envelope*

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Respectfully,

*H. H. Clegg*  
H. H. Clegg.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. Clegg

In regard to your memorandum of March 11, 1934, concerning the surveillance of the Frichette girl in Detroit, I wish that you would keep a close eye upon this angle of the Billinger hunt because it would seem to me to be one that might be productive. Certainly, Billinger will either directly or indirectly contact with this woman at some time in the near future.

Very truly yours,

Director.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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March 24, 1934

MR. NATHAN.....
MR. TOLSON.....
MR. CLEGG.....
MR. COWLEY.....
MR. EDWARDS.....
MR. EGAN.....
MR. QUINN.....
MR. LESTER.....
MR. LOCKE.....
MR. RORER.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Concerning your memorandum dated March 24, 1934, relative to the surveillance of the Frichette girl in Detroit, you are advised that I have talked with Mr. Larson about this matter by telephone, and have told him to keep the Division advised in detail and frequently, as to developments, in view of the importance of this lead. He stated that there were several women in this house, and several of them probably were directly or indirectly associated with members of Dillinger's gang. The mother of Prisoner Clark, who is being tried now in Indiana, is there and another woman by the name of Opal, as well as Ann Martin, Evelyn Frichette and a Jackson woman. It was at one time thought by Mr. Larson that Martin, Frichette and Jackson were identical, but from photographs received, it now appears that they are different. It had been assumed that the Frichette woman had come to Detroit from Arizona for the purpose of communicating with Dillinger. There is still another woman in the house by the name of Cherrington, who is from Chicago. They leave the house only at very infrequent intervals and the house is being watched twenty-four hours per day, and two or three times a night groups of men enter the house. The information as to the identity of those on the inside was obtained from a police informant and Mr. Larson expects that he will be placed into touch with this informant today. Two Special Agents from Cincinnati are in Detroit and are being kept active on this assignment.

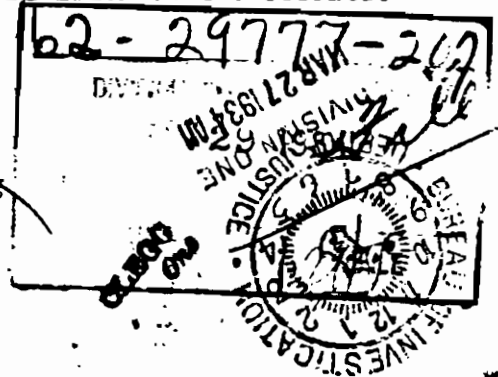
The Chicago Office will, by means of photographs, attempt to verify the identity of the woman who called on Dillinger at Crown Point, Indiana prior to his escape, as she may be in this house also. Frequent telegrams are received in this house and at various other places which are visited by different ones of this group, although the telegrams are addressed to different names and none of them are in code. Several of the wires have a tendency to connect up this entire mob with the Dillinger gang. Mr. Larson stated that he will keep active on the assignment and advise the Division of the results.

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H. H. Clegg

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 26, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG.

There is attached hereto a memorandum from Mr. William F. Friedman, chief cryptographer of the Intelligence Section of the War Department, together with carbon copies of communications covering a coded message and reputed safe deposit box key which were transmitted to the War Department for deciphering. The coded message and safe deposit box key were mailed, postmarked New York, New York, March 20, addressed to Harry Pierpont, Lima, Ohio, and purporting to be from Dillinger. Neither Mr. Friedman's Section nor the laboratory has yet been successful in decoding the message. It has been referred to the laboratory for treatment of latent fingerprints and at the present photographs are being made and you will be furnished copies of the same for the completion of the Division file.

The safe deposit box key has been submitted by Mr. Friedman with the suggestion Division Agents undertake to determine whether it is, in fact, a key for a safe deposit box and its location. In this connection it is noted the key was manufactured by the Eagle Lock Company, Terryville, Connecticut. The coded letter was postmarked New York and for some reason unknown the Lima authorities suggested the safe deposit box may be located in Tucson, Arizona. Mr. Friedman has asked for the eventual return of the key and the original coded messages and I suggest he be advised by letter whether the Division is undertaking the suggested investigation.

Mr. Friedman has offered the full cooperation of his office in the attempted deciphering of any coded messages which the laboratory is unable to solve.

Respectfully,

*E. P. Coffey*

E. P. Coffey.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER  
WASHINGTON

March 26, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Coffey, Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice.

In connection with the letter addressed to Harry Pierpont, the original of which, together with the envelope, I gave you this morning for test for fingerprints, I am enclosing herewith the key which was also contained in the same letter, and copies of the letters forwarding this key to us.

After you have examined these items, if no positive results having a bearing on this case are obtained, their return is requested.

*William F. Friedman*  
William F. Friedman.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH CORPS AREA  
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2  
Military Intelligence Div.  
Fort Hayes, Ohio

March 24, 1934.

**SUBJECT:** Key to Safety Deposit Box,  
enclosed in letter containing Code.

**TO:** The Chief Signal Officer.  
Washington, D. C.

Enclosed herewith is the key that was enclosed in the letter containing the Code forwarded to you on March 22nd. It is not understood why the authorities at Lima, Ohio, did not forward the key with the code at the time it was intercepted as they seem to think it carries the secret of some valuable cache in a safety deposit box somewhere within the country.

(signed) H. M. POOL

H. M. POOL,  
Major, G. S. C.  
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HEADQUARTERS  
DETACHMENT O. N. G.  
Lima, Ohio

March 23, 1934

Major Poole, G-2 Vth. Corps Area,  
Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Major:-

Enclosed please find a key taken from a letter  
addressed to Harry Pierpont which letter was written in code.


Long distance telephone from Earden Thomas this  
evening asked for the key and I am sending it to you direct.

Credit for the discovery of the letter and the  
key should be given to Mr. Larry Van Skaik, Buckeye State Sheriff's  
Association who is here handling our undercover work.

If any information Dillinger please wire me at  
once. Also information contained in letter.

(signed) H. M. BUSH

H. M. BUSH,  
Brigadier General, O. N. G.  
Commanding.

 The key is believed here to belong in Tuscon, Ariz.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH CORPS AREA  
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2  
Military Intelligence Div.  
FORT HAYES, OHIO

March 22, 1934.

SUBJECT: Gangster Code intercepted at Lima, Ohio.

TO: The Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C.

1. With reference to gangster code telephoned to your office by Major Bender this morning, I am enclosing herewith the original code as it came to us after being intercepted at Lima, Ohio, on March 21st, where Harry Pierpont, a notorious gangster is under trial. It will be noted that the letter was postmarked, New York City, March 20th, and that the envelope contains a return address to John Dillinger, another notorious gangster who escaped from an Indiana jail a few weeks ago. The code part of the return address may have some bearing on Dillinger's present address.

2. The letter included a key to a safety deposit box, and, while the entire matter may be the work of a crank, yet it is possible that it is real, and the entire letter is being forwarded in hopes that it may be of assistance to your code experts in solving the code.

3. Should the code prove to be a real one, and the return address give Dillinger's present address, it is suggested that you might report this to the Department of Justice officials in Washington, since they probably would like to bring about his capture.

4. The return of the original code, together with the envelop it was posted in, will be appreciated.

(signed) H. M. POOL,

H. M. POOL,  
Major, General, Staff Corps,  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1402,  
New York, New York.

RECORDED

Re: JOHN HERBERT BILLINGER, with aliases,  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER 1219 -  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

Dear Sir:

There are attached copies of a memorandum prepared by Mr. Coffey of the Technical Laboratory of the Division and copies of the correspondence referred to therein, together with the safe deposit box key mentioned, which was manufactured by the Eagle Lock Company, Terryville, Connecticut.

The Division desires that you immediately endeavor to ascertain from the Eagle Lock Company whether the key is, in fact, a safe deposit box key and for what concern it was manufactured.

You will note that this key was enclosed in a coded message mailed from New York City to Harry Pierpont at Lima, Ohio. The Division has not been successful in decoding the message.

Copies of this letter and the enclosures are being forwarded to the Detroit office in order that appropriate investigation may be made at Lima, Ohio, to ascertain the details surrounding the recovery of the key and coded message. The Detroit office is requested to furnish the New York City office any additional information obtained.

Very truly yours,

Director

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~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

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

Dear Sir:

*b7d* [ Confirming my telephone conversation with you this afternoon, please be advised that last year some time one [redacted] of Chicago, Illinois, called at my office and informed me that he believed that he could furnish me with valuable information as to the location of John Dillinger. This was previous to the time when he was apprehended and sent to the Crown Point jail. Subsequent to Dillinger's escape I have been endeavoring to contact with [redacted] and I succeeded today in doing so.

He called at my office this morning and I laid the proposition out before him and told him that I would like him to endeavor to secure information in a confidential manner, as to Dillinger's whereabouts. He stated that he was out of work at the present time, and would be perfectly willing to work for me in this capacity, and stated that in view of the expenses which would be incurred by reason of his work in this respect, such as taking girls out to dinner and also contacting with men whom he knew would know where Dillinger is, he stated that he believed it would require about ten dollars a day, in order that he might be able to pay expenses and also have some left over for his work.

*b7d* [ He informed me that there is one person in Chicago who is a contact of John Dillinger, and that if anybody in Chicago knows where he is, it is [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. He is there with one [redacted] last name unknown, who is one of the owners of this [redacted]. He informed me that [redacted] for Dillinger in Chicago.

It is interesting to note that information previously received from Shouse, who is now in the Michigan City, Indiana penitentiary, was to the effect that the person to contact for the purpose of determining M.

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b7D Dillinger's whereabouts is [redacted] in Chicago, and that [redacted] is the person to contact for the purpose of determining how to contact [redacted]. He gave the address of [redacted] without giving his last name, as [redacted] Cicero, Illinois. This is the address of [redacted] and it will therefore be seen that the information appears to be pretty good.

[redacted] informs me that he has been arrested and fingerprinted several times by the Chicago Police Department, and I would like to have his record. He informed me that he was arrested under his right name, and in view of the singularity of his name I believe it might be possible to have this checked in Washington in the fingerprint files, rather than having this matter checked in Chicago. The latter action might arouse curiosity and be of little help.

It is possible that after this informant has worked in Chicago for a few days it may be considered appropriate to send him to Lima, Ohio, after arranging with Mr. Larson for this informant to contact Pierpont, by using a ruse of some kind. It might also be considered necessary to send him to Waupun, Wisconsin, and in the event it is necessary to send him to either place I will arrange to pay his expenses, in confirmation of my conversation with you of this afternoon. Further confirming my telephonic conversation with you I will pay him ten dollars per day for a while, and will also furnish his expenses in connection with any travel outside of the city of Chicago.

I will keep you advised of this matter, and in the event he does not produce any results within a reasonable time, I will advise you and dispense with his services.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Furvis*

M. H. FURVIS,

Special Agent in Charge.

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

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your personal and confidential letter of March 22, 1934, relative to certain information conveyed to you by [redacted] concerning John Dillinger, I am enclosing a copy of the record sheet reflected by the Division's fingerprint files in the case of the person known as [redacted], who may be identical with the individual concerning whom you have inquired.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #339787.

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William Larson,  
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 U. S. Department of Justice,  
 625 Lafayette Building,  
 Detroit, Michigan

Cincinnati, Ohio  
 March 26, 1934

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March 28, 1934

J. E. P. DUMM,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
617 Federal Bldg.,  
Los Angeles, California.

JOHN DILLINGER IS TWELVE SEVENTEEN INFORMATION INDIRECTLY RECEIVED REAR TO HIVE  
ANN MANTINE HAIR WAS NOT BLACK WHEN ARRESTED TUCSON BUT HAD BEEN DYED PERHAPS  
RED PLEASE VERIFY EXPEDITE.

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cc: Division ✓

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Los Angeles, California  
March 21, 1934



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

Dear Sir:

Re: HARRY PIERPONT with aliases etal  
Nat'l Motor Vehicle Theft Act  
Murder of Sheriff Barber, Lima, O.  
Escape from Indiana State Pen.  
L. A. File 26-3287

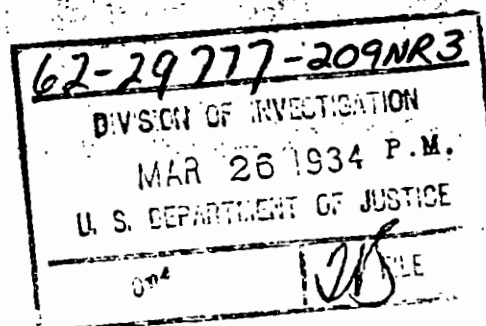
With reference to your telegram of March 19, 1934,  
enclosed herewith is photograph of ANH MARTIN which was received today  
from Chief of Police Wollard of Tucson, Arizona.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

JEPD:FT  
cc Division

AIRMAIL



Detroit, Michigan.  
March 24, 1934

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

Re: John Herbert Dillinger, with aliases; et al,  
I.O. #1217,  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your telegraphic request of today there is being transmitted herewith a photograph forwarded to this office by the Division 2/20/34 of Evelyn Frechette, an alleged associate of Dillinger's; also a snapshot of three young women, which includes Evelyn Frechette, Vivian Warrington and an unknown girl.

It is noted in report of Special Agent J. J. Watters, dated 3/22/34, on page 8, paragraph 8, that Mrs. Warrington, Vivian's mother, turned these photographs over to the agent and that they were identified by Mrs. Warrington.

I am also transmitting photographs received at this office today from the Los Angeles office of Ann Martin, taken at Tucson, Arizona following her apprehension with John Dillinger and other members of the gang, in that city on 1/25/34.

As indicated in previous correspondence it has been assumed that Evelyn Frechette and Ann Martin were one and the same person. However, there does not seem to be a similarity in the two photographs and it is now indicated that they are separate individuals. In order to determine the exact identity of the "Mrs. Dillinger" who appeared at the county jail at Crown Point, Indiana on 2/16/34 to visit Dillinger, it is respectfully requested that the two photographs transmitted herewith of Ann Martin and Evelyn Frechette be exhibited to the Sheriff at Crown Point as well as to Edward Shouse who is now incarcerated in the Indiana State Penitentiary, and that this office be advised by telephone of the result of same, as such information will be very valuable in maintaining the surveillance at 531 Chandler St., Detroit, the home of Mrs. May Clark, Russell Clark's mother, at which home it has been definitely learned Opal Long is now living, and it is presumed that either Evelyn Frechette or Ann Martin are also at the above address at the present time.

Very truly yours,

William Larson,  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Division  
Los Angeles

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P. O. Box #766  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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March 22, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with the assignment of Special Agents Sears and Whitson to the Detroit office, for temporary emergency use in connection with the matter of John Dillinger, it will be appreciated if the return of these Agents to the Cincinnati district be expedited, inasmuch as we also have possibilities in connection with covering the matter of John Dillinger particularly at Hamilton, Ohio and Lebanon, Kentucky.

We have these situations fairly well covered through informants, however, due to the shortage of personnel here and the absence from the district of other agents on special assignment it would be desirable for Sears and Whitson to return here as soon as they can be conveniently released.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Division ✓

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

FILE NO. **26-4755**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Detroit, Michigan</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3/28/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3/20 to 27/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>WM. LARSON</b>
TITLE: <b>JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER with aliases, I.O. #1217, et al</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>NAT'L MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT</b>

INVESTIGATION  
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 CHICAGO, ILL.

Opal Long, sweetheart of Russell Clark, now residing Detroit and it is believed that she will contact Dillinger either directly or indirectly. Twenty-four hour surveillance being kept over this individual. Patricia Young alias Pat, now believed in Chicago, having left Detroit a few days ago. It is also presumed that she will eventually contact perhaps both Hamilton and Dillinger. Evelyn Frechette alias Billie left Detroit month ago, now probably residing Chicago. She was arrested Tucson, Arizona with Dillinger in January.

**REFERENCE:**

Letter from Chicago office dated March 19, 1934; report of Special Agent J. J. Waters, Chicago, Illinois dated 3/22/34 and report of Special Agent J. J. Metcalfe, Chicago, Illinois dated 3/25/34.

**DETAILS:**

The file originally opened in the Detroit office in October, 1933 entitled Harry Pierpont with aliases, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Murder of Sheriff Jesse Barber, Lima, Ohio, Escapes From Indiana State Prison, in which file Detroit is the office of origin, has now been consolidated with the instant case, in which Chicago is the office of origin. The status of the original case opened at Detroit at this date is as follows:

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	<b>62-29777-210</b> UNITED STATES <b>MAR 30 1934 A M</b> BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>MAR 30 1934</b> CHECKED OFF: JACKETED:
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HARRY COPELAND was apprehended in November, 1933 in Chicago and is now incarcerated in the Indiana State Penitentiary as a Parole Violator. Mr. Ernest M. Botkin, Prosecuting Attorney at Lima, Ohio informs me that he will undoubtedly take steps to have Copeland returned to Lima on the indictment now pending in that city charging him with being implicated in the murder of Sheriff Jesse Sarber on October 12, 1933, on which date John Dillinger was liberated from the County Jail at Lima while being held awaiting prosecution regarding a bank robbery at Bluffton, Ohio.

EDWARD SHOUSE who escaped from the Indiana State Penitentiary on September 26, 1933 with nine others, was apprehended at Paris, Illinois in December and is also now incarcerated in the Indiana State Penitentiary. The Prosecuting Attorney at Lima has indicated that Shouse probably will not be prosecuted in that city for the murder of Sheriff Jesse Sarber, in which crime he is also implicated, but testified for the State during the prosecution of other Subjects.

HARRY PIKRPONT, who was apprehended on January 25 at Tucson, Arizona, was convicted at Lima, Ohio on March 10 for the murder of Sheriff Jesse Sarber and was sentenced to be electrocuted. The electrocution date is Friday, July 13, 1934.

CHARLES MAKLEY, who was arrested at Tucson, Arizona on January 25, 1934 was convicted at Lima, Ohio for the murder of Sheriff Jesse Sarber on March 17 and was also sentenced to be electrocuted, the electrocution date being the same as above.

HUSSELL CLARK, who was also arrested at Tucson, Arizona was convicted at Lima, Ohio on March 24, 1934 for the murder of Sheriff Jesse Sarber, the jury bringing in a verdict with recommendations, hence, he was sentenced to serve life in the Ohio State Penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio.

The three last above named men were today, March 27, transferred by automobile from the County Jail at Lima, Ohio to the Ohio State Penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio.

JOHN HAMILTON is the only individual now at liberty who took part in the murder of Sheriff Jesse Sarber at Lima, Ohio. He is also wanted in Chicago for the murder of a policeman who was attempting to take him into custody.

All the above named individuals with the exception of Copeland escaped from the Indiana State Penitentiary on September 26, 1933.

As indicated in memorandum of Special Agent J. L. Murphy of this office dated March 17, 1934, copies of which were forwarded to interested offices, HERBERT YOUNGBLOOD, who escaped with Dillinger from the County Jail at Crown Point, Indiana, March 3, 1934, was shot and killed at Port Huron, Michigan on March 16, 1934 while resisting arrest. Undersheriff Charles Cavanaugh died on the following date, March 17, as the result of wounds received during the arrest of Youngblood.

During the course of investigation at Detroit by this office following the shooting at Port Huron, the matter was discussed with Inspector William J. Collins in charge of the Hold-up Squad and he advised that his office was working on the matter in this city in conjunction with officers of the Indiana State Police. It was then ascertained that the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Strachen, daughter and son-in-law of Mrs. Mae Clark, mother of Russell Clark at 75 Windemere Street, Highland Park, Michigan, was being kept under surveillance as well as the home of Mrs. Mae Clark at 531 Chandler Street, Detroit.

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

Upon discussing the matter further with members of the Police Department in Detroit and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] we were unable to make much headway, it appearing that the [REDACTED] were attempting to confuse matters considerably [REDACTED]

However, it was later learned that this man [REDACTED] had also not furnished the Detroit Police Department, [REDACTED] the proper information and from the files of record in this office we were able to furnish the police here certain desired information. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] it was finally concluded that the Agents of this office would work with the Detroit Police in covering the two above addresses. From the information furnished by [REDACTED] it was assumed that the woman who had been followed from the Indiana State Penitentiary to Detroit was Evelyn Frechette alias Ann Martin alias Sparks. However, we were subsequently able to show that this woman was not the above named individual through photographs obtained from Chicago and Los Angeles. On the day that this office took over the surveillance of the two above addresses in conjunction with the Police

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Department, [REDACTED]

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In this connection it might be well to ascertain if there is any connection between this [REDACTED] and the mysterious [REDACTED] the attorney who called on John Dillinger at the County Jail in Crown Point, Indiana prior to his escape, which attorney was alleged to be from Indianapolis, but no trace could be found of him there. Also it will be noted in report of Special Agent J. J. Waters, Chicago, dated 3/22/34 that a [REDACTED] of 504 Broadway is mentioned.

In maintaining a surveillance over the addresses on Windemere and Chandler Streets, a room was rented by this office at 70 Windemere, home of W. E. Whitis, from which point a complete view could be secured of the Strachen residence. The second room was engaged at 540 Chandler Street, the home of Aidrie O. Stegner, from which residence the home of Mrs. Mae Clark could be clearly observed. Agents from this office with members of the local Homicide Squad are maintaining a twenty-four hour surveillance at the above addresses. The following named Agents are now engaged in this investigation:

D. E. Hall  
J. L. Murphy  
J. H. Bishop  
L. Whitson  
J. E. Sears

The last two named Agents have been loaned to this office by Cincinnati. It was determined, immediately upon taking over the investigation in Detroit, that the police did not have complete information as to the occupants of the above addresses and therefore considerable difficulty was experienced in determining the identities of the persons coming and going. There appeared to be activity all hours of the day and night. It was finally ascertained that Mr. and Mrs. Andy Strachen, daughter and son-in-law of Mrs. Clark resided at 75 Windemere, Highland Park, which is a distance of about two miles from the Chandler Street address. With them resided the woman called, "Pat" with her twelve year old daughter and also Opal Long lived at this address. However, about the time that we became engaged in this surveillance, Mrs. Mae Clark proceeded to Lima, Ohio and thereupon the Strachen family closed up their house and all moved to 531 Chandler. There were several women and several men in the house and it was absolutely necessary to in some way determine the identity of each and every person. It appears that prior to this time it had been somewhat of a guessing proposition with the police and the Indiana officers and of course, little progress could be made.



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During the course of inquiries, it was learned that a [redacted] and his wife, [redacted] had within the past few days moved from 531 Chandler Street. It was further learned that these two people had been boarding at the Clark address, [redacted] for a period of five years and his wife for approximately two years, although they were not relatives. On March 2 [redacted] was located at [redacted] and brought to this office where she was carefully interrogated. It may here be stated that the Clark family has resided at 531 Chandler Street for a period of only two weeks prior to that date at 408 Bethune Street and they moved while surveillance was being maintained by the Detroit and Indiana Police. [redacted] accounted for sixteen persons in the Clark residence at the present time, these persons being as follows:

Mr. Mrs. Andy Strachen, daughter and son-in-law of Mrs. Clark

Mr. & Mrs. Phil Pierce, daughter and son-in-law of Mrs. Clark who have three children, the oldest 4.

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Norton, daughter and son-in-law of Mrs. Clark who have one child, one year old.

Ed Clark, son -

William Clark, son

Opal Long, sweetheart of Russell Clark

Pat alias Ann Jackson alias Cherrington and her daughter, age 12, who is recorded in the Highland Park School as June Young

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[redacted] stated that during the latter part of February a girl whom they called Billie, appeared at the Clark home, which at that time was 408 Bethune Street. [redacted] positively identified the photograph of Evelyn Frechette as being the person Billie referred to. She also identified the photograph of Ann Martin which was taken at Tucson, Arizona on January 25 as Evelyn Frechette alias Billie. She also advised that this Billie, while at the Clark residence, wore a black broadcloth coat with a caracul collar and also had a black crepe dress, together with a red suede jacket and a striped dress. It will be observed that the "Mrs. Dillinger" who called on John Dillinger at the County Jail in Crown Point, Indiana on February 16, 1934 wore a black broadcloth coat with a caracul collar and a black crepe dress. The description furnished by Sheriff Holley of Crown Point, Indiana, is identical with the description of Evelyn Frechette. From this it will be noted that Evelyn Frechette uses several aliases, including Sparks. It is noted in previous reports that Welton Sparks, the alleged husband of Evelyn, is now incarcerated at the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth. [redacted] stated that Evelyn Frechette stayed at the Clark residence for a period of only two or three days and departed and as near as she could recall, her departure was

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a day or two before the escape of Dillinger at Crown Point, Indiana. It was very evident to [redacted] that Opal Long and Evelyn Frechette were very chummy as they were around together practically all of the time. [redacted] stated that Evelyn used considerable profane language and seemed to indulge in intoxicants considerably. She stated that the photograph which was secured by the Chicago office is a very good likeness of Evelyn Frechette. [redacted] could not furnish any information where the Frechette woman is located at the present time, stating that although she, [redacted] was closely associated with the Clark family, Opal Long, Pat and the Frechette woman were very secretive and rarely did they make any statements concerning themselves or their movements. She stated that she did not know "Pat" by any other name but that she felt certain that the twelve year old girl was Pat's daughter. It has been definitely established that Pat is Ann Jackson and is evidently the wife of A. C. Cherrington, a co-defendant of Sparks. It is noted in previous reports that Cherrington is also incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth. Also it is noted in the report of Special Agent Waters, Chicago, Illinois dated 3/22/34 on Page 7, that Evelyn Frechette on January 13, 1934 received a telegram from Ann Jackson, 75 Windemere Street, Highland Park, at Shawano, Wisconsin in which wire Ann Jackson requested Evelyn to meet her at the above Highland Park address. It is noted that Evelyn in reply wired to Ann Jackson that instead of meeting her in Highland Park the meeting place would be 901 Addison Street, Chicago. It is noted in previous reports that Mr. Welton Sparks, at Leavenworth, Kansas, is communicating with a Mrs. W. Sparks at 901 Addison Street, Chicago.

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[redacted] stated that the twelve year old girl calls Opal Long, "Auntie" but there is a question in her mind as to whether or not there is any relationship. [redacted] further advised that "Pat" arrived in Detroit some time in the early part of February and has lived between the Strachen and Clark families ever since with the exception that occasionally she would mysteriously disappear for a few days. However, the child would remain. She described "Pat" as having black hair and might be taken for an Indian or an Italian. She also stated that Pat had recently been operated upon for appendicitis. She did not know if this operation took place in Detroit or Chicago but stated that she was still in a weak condition. She further advised that she has seen "Pat" handling a light brown wig. She advised that Opal Long was the first one of the three to appear at the Clark residence. Her first appearance there was in December. She believes that she stayed for only a period of a few days at that time and then disappeared, finally returning with a Ford V-8 Sedan. [redacted] overheard Opal Long make some statement to the effect that Russell Clark purchased this car in Chicago under the name of [redacted] and that within twenty-four hours after the purchase,

the car was wrecked near Evansville, Indiana. At the time of the accident, Opal Long and Russell Clark were riding in the car. This evidently was about the 15th of December as the car was purchased on the 14th. As a result of the accident Opal Long received quite a serious cut on the right side of her face which is still quite prominent.

[redacted] do not know to what point Russell Clark went with the car but evidently Opal Long brought the automobile to Detroit immediately after this trip. On January 3, 1934 Michigan 1934 license Y6030 was issued to this automobile upon application submitted by [redacted] for Ford DeLuxe V-8 Four Door Sedan Motor No. 429-158. The records at the Motor Vehicle Division reflect that this car was purchased on December 14, 1933 from Charles J. Dempsey, 2300 W. Madison Avenue, Chicago and that the bill-of-sale was made out to [redacted] 428 S. Oak Park Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois. The salesman was [redacted]. This car at the present time is in possession of the Clark family and is being used by the various members listed above.

The day following the shooting at Port Huron, at which time Youngblood was killed, someone gave the information concerning this car to the newspapers and as a result the above license plates appeared in all of the local newspapers which has, of course, interfered considerably with the investigation.

It is [redacted] impression that P at came to Detroit with Opal Long some time in February. As above stated, [redacted] although appearing very cooperative, were unable to give much information concerning the three above named women, stating that every precaution evidently was used to avoid discussions which would be overheard by the [redacted] couple. They further advised that all of the members of the Clark family listed in this report do considerable drinking which is opposed strongly by Mrs. Clark, age about 70. They advised that Mrs. Pierce (Dorothy) who is known as "Dickie" is possibly the most refined of the Clark girls and that she does not drink to excess. Mrs. Strachen (Beulah) known as "Boots" indulges frequently in intoxicants. Mrs. Norton (Bernice) who is known as "Toots" drinks considerably. This will give an idea of the families residing at the above addresses.

[redacted] also furnished complete information regarding the description and type of clothes worn by the above persons so that they could be easily identified when coming and going from the houses. With this information more definite information regarding any strangers there can be determined.

The local Police Department advised that on March 13 this woman "Pat" alias Ann Jackson, was followed by [redacted] together with two members of the local Police

Department to the Michigan Central Station in Detroit from 75 Windemere. While at the station she was seen to write a telegram which was subsequently secured by the officers and it was found that it was directed to Mrs. J. Cherrington, 1832 Belmont, Chicago, signed "Ann." The substance of the wire was that she would arrive in Chicago at 5:30 p.m. and requested to be met at the station, also requesting that Beatrice be notified. We were also advised by the local police that they were told by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that this "Pat" who appeared at the station, is the same woman who called on Harry Copeland at the Indiana State Penitentiary, Michigan City, Indiana and who was followed to Detroit. She was alleged to have been wearing a wig at that time. Upon her departure from Detroit after writing the above telegram, she was followed by [REDACTED] who later returned to Detroit, stating that he had followed this woman "Pat" to 1832 Belmont and that he also followed her back to Detroit and furnished the police the license number of the car which he claims she got into at the station. Upon running this angle down the police found that the car was issued to a reputable person residing in an exclusive residential section of Detroit. The police then became of the opinion that [REDACTED] had lost her in Detroit and had furnished some information in order to pacify the police. It has since been determined through conversations with the Chicago office, that [REDACTED] evidently left this woman in the railroad station upon arrival at Chicago and there is now every indication that [REDACTED] returned to Detroit without this woman as from information which we have been able to ascertain, she has not returned from Chicago since March 13. [REDACTED] remembers the date when Pat departed and states that she has not seen her since that time although the child is still at the Chandler Street address.

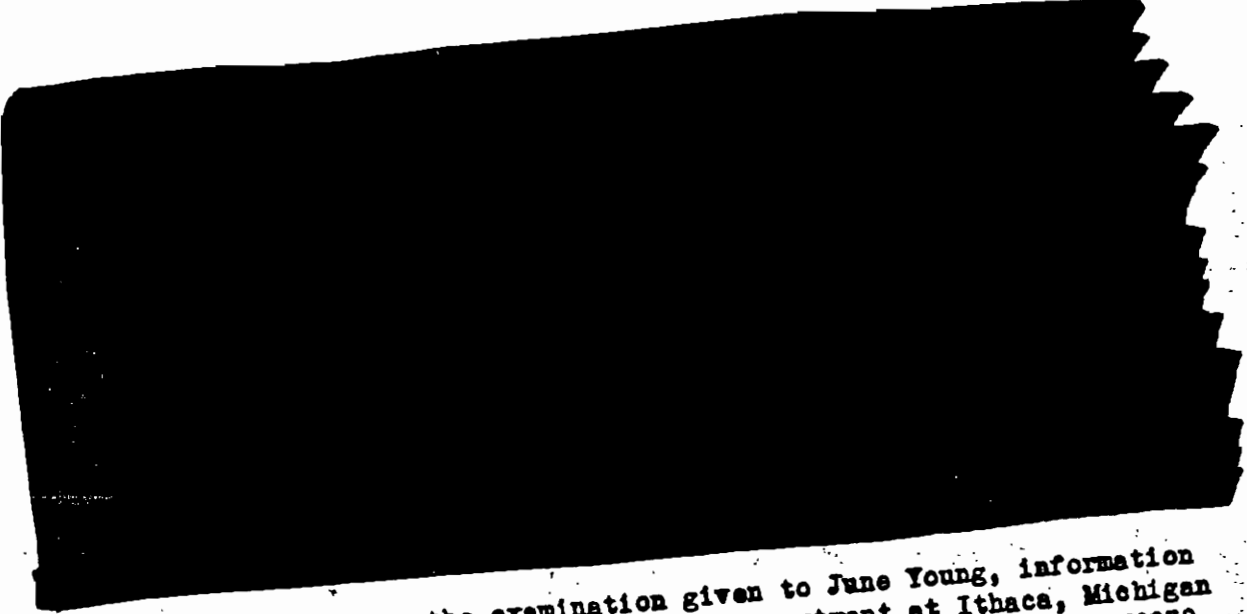
[REDACTED] had occasion to closely observe the inside of the house at 531 Chandler Street last Saturday evening, March 24, while moving several personal effects and he informed me that he did not see this woman Pat.

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bb [REDACTED] This point is significant in view of the fact that it has been developed through the Kansas City office that A. C. Cherrington, a co-defendant of Sparks who is now serving a sentence in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth on a postal violation, is communicating with a Mrs. A. C. Cherrington, 1832 Belmont Avenue, Chicago. It will be observed in this report that when "Pat", which is of course short for Patricia, departed from Detroit on March 13, she directed a telegram to Mrs. J. Cherrington, 1832 Belmont; perhaps the Cherrington to whom the wire was directed is her sister-in-law.

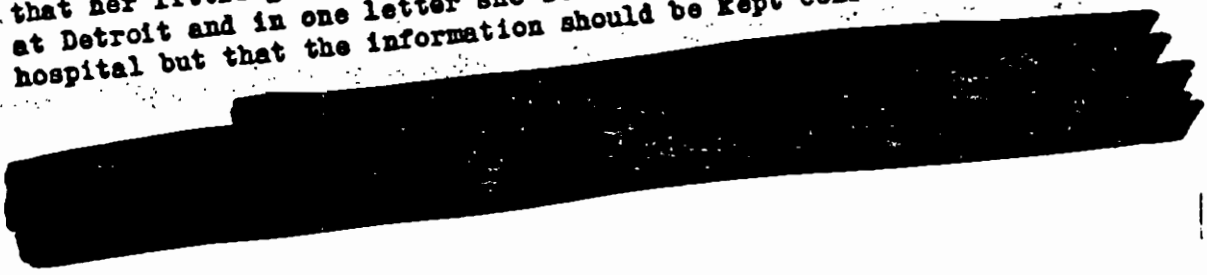
Also, in this connection it should be borne in mind that Harry Copeland, now confined in the Indiana State Penitentiary, while residing at 2318 Sunnyside Avenue, Chicago between September 5 and 15, 1933, purchased an Oldsmobile automobile from the Shaeir Motor Sales Company of Chicago under the name of Arthur S. Cherrington. This seems to be significant in view of the fact that "Pat" alias Ann Jackson, called on Harry Copeland as stated in this report at the Indiana State Penitentiary during the latter part of February 1934. Also it will be noted in the report of Special Agent N. B. Klein, Cincinnati, Ohio dated March 19, 1934, second page, paragraph two, that, "Lieutenant Howe of the Chicago Police Department, working directly out of the Police Commissioner's office, had advised the Indianapolis Police that Mary Kinder is in Chicago, Ill., and had contacted one "Pat", a moll of Harry Copeland --".

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Prior to the examination given to June Young, information reached this office through the Sheriff's Department at Ithaca, Michigan that on February 12, 1934 a Ford V-8 Sedan, Michigan 1934 license Y6030 appeared at North Star, Michigan and picked up a girl known as June Young, age 12.

Accompanied by members of the Michigan State Police, Special Agent D. E. Hall proceeded to North Star, Michigan and there interviewed Mrs. Pearl Essenberg, who advised that one Verne Miner, during the early part of December, 1933 was residing with his wife at Ithaca, Michigan and about the first part of January 1934 moved to North Star, at which time the twelve year old girl, June Young, was residing with them; that she attended the North Star school; that about February 12 she was taken from the school and Mrs. Essenberg observed the above described automobile in front of a poolroom operated by Miner and later observed that the girl was being taken from North Star. Mrs. Essenberg stated that she has a daughter about the same age as June Young and that the Young child had mentioned the names of Cherrington and Jacques to her daughter. She also furnished the Essenberg girl practically the same information as that obtained by the Highland Park school authorities as set out in this report. Mrs. Essenberg states that her little girl frequently receives communications from June Young at Detroit and in one letter she stated that her mother had been in the hospital but that the information should be kept confidential.



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Further information developed that Mr. Verne Miner is a

Upon being interviewed, Miner, who is 45 years of age, advised that he had always resided near Ithaca, Michigan with the exception of an enlistment in the Army prior to the World War. He stated that he married one Betty Hazelton in 1915; that they resided near Ithaca, Michigan until 1926 when his wife and he separated, his wife going to Chicago where she obtained employment and for two years prior to 1932 took care of June Young in Chicago. He stated that in August, 1932 he and his wife again made up for the sake of their twelve year old son and she then returned to Ithaca, Michigan to live with him. He further advised that either in the latter part of September or first part of October, 1933 his wife received a letter, presumably from "Pat" alias Young alias Ann Jackson, requesting Mrs. Miner to again take care of her daughter, June. For this care Mrs. Miner was offered \$26 a month. Mrs. Miner accepted this offer and in the latter part of October, June Young was brought to the Miner home at Ithaca, Michigan by her mother who was introduced to him, Miner, as Pat. Another woman accompanied her and from the description furnished, it is believed that this second woman was Opal Long. There were two men with these women who were introduced to Miner as Harry and Lee. Harry was perhaps Harry Copeland, although Miner was not able to give a very good description of the men. Miner states that these persons evidently came from Chicago as they were driving a new Plymouth Sedan with Illinois license plates, numbers unknown. He stated that they spent the night at the Seaver Hotel at Ithaca and upon examination of the records in this hotel it was ascertained that on October 20, 1933 four people, believed to be the persons named above, registered as J. P. Phillips, wife and daughter and Mr. J. H. Norton and wife. They gave their address as "Decator." The Manager of the hotel was unable to furnish any further information. Photographs of Harry Copeland, Dillinger, Hamilton and others were exhibited to Miner but he failed to identify them. He further advised that the woman known to him as Opal, last name unknown, who was one of the party that brought June Young to Ithaca, called for her at North Star, Michigan on either February 11 or 12, 1934 with a man whom they called Jerry, last name unknown. He stated that these people had not given the Miners any notice that they were calling to take the child away and that Opal made a statement to the effect that they were taking the girl to Chicago. The Miners both observed that the car used on that occasion was a Ford V-8 Sedan. It will be observed that the Sheriff at Ithaca reported seeing a Ford V-8 Sedan, Michigan license Y6030 in North Star on the above date so from this, it is quite definite that the

Ford Sedan now in possession of the Clarks and which was brought to Detroit from Chicago by Opal Long was the car used in transporting the girl. Miner states that he and his wife did not get along very well and on March 1, 1934 she departed from North Star for Chicago and furnished him with the following addresses where she could be located:

W. J. Moore, c/o Orpheum Restaurant, 3864 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
(Miner stated that he understood W. J. Moore was a street car conductor and usually eats his meals at the above restaurant and receives mail there).

Mrs. W. J. Moore, 524 Belden Avenue, Chicago, Illinois  
(Miner stated that Mrs. Moore is the wife of W. J. Moore aforementioned)

Mrs. Miner also told her husband that she could also be reached through Mrs. Charles Bertrand, Apartment 2-G, street address unknown, telephone Mohawk 2548, Chicago. This woman is believed to be a sister to Mrs. Moore mentioned above.

Upon interrogating Miner closely it was finally ascertained that when Pat brought the girl to Ithaca, Michigan she was observed to have white hair. In the event he is correct in this information, Pat is wearing a wig as her real hair is black. It will be noted in other parts of this report that she has, however, been suspected of wearing a wig. Miner finally stated that he believed that his wife would be able to furnish much more information regarding June Young and her mother.

With regard to the Michigan license plates issued to Jess Wilson, 1195 Webb Avenue, Detroit, as indicated in this report, investigation conducted at that address reflected that nobody by that name had ever resided there.

The local police advised this office that while recently at Lima, Ohio they were told by officers of the Tucson Police Department that Ann Russell alias Evelyn Frechette had light red hair when arrested with Dillinger. The description furnished by the Los Angeles office indicated that her hair was black and which corroborated information furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Wilson. However, to be absolutely certain in this respect, a wire was dispatched to Los Angeles and this office was advised that her hair was black when arrested and therefore there was no indication that same had been dyed.

It now appears that Opal Long is the only member of the Dillinger gang residing with the Clark family, although it is presumed that Pat alias Ann Jackson alias Patricia Young will return to Detroit as child is still here. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson advised that when Evelyn



Frechette alias Billie came to Detroit she brought a small Boston bulldog with her, which animal was left, upon her departure from Detroit, she indicating that she would call for the dog later. This dog, the Wilsons advised, during the past week strayed away from the home and has not been found. Opal Long, who is known to the Wilsons only as "Opal" appeared considerably upset over the loss of the dog and stated that she would have to do much explaining to Evelyn when she sees her. This would indicate that she expects to contact Evelyn. From all indications, of course, she knows the whereabouts of Evelyn and Pat.

During the past few days Opal Long has made several trips from 531 Chandler Street, it being noted that she is now <sup>residing</sup> at this address, whereas prior to March 20 she lived almost entirely at 75 Windemere. She has been closely followed and it was observed yesterday that she purchased the following out-of-town newspapers, New York Journal, Chicago Tribune and Toledo Blade. She was also observed making a long distance telephone call from a drug store nearby.

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Prior to the time this office took over this investigation, Opal Long as well as other members of the family, had been followed to a great extent by police officers and this fact became known to the suspected parties. Therefore, at the present time their actions clearly indicate that they are very suspicious and the Agents following them have found it somewhat difficult. We are concentrating, however, practically entirely on Opal Long as it is felt that she is the person who will evidently go to Evelyn Frechette and perhaps to Dillinger. It is known that she, during the past two months, has made several trips to Chicago and the police believe that her purpose for the trips was to obtain money from Dillinger for attorneys representing the trio at Lima.

The local telegraph companies, who have cooperated very fully during the course of this investigation, advised this office that a telegram was delivered to 531 Chandler Street yesterday afternoon addressed to Mrs. Clark signed "Mary." It was a local wire and was sent from the Woodward-Garfield branch of the Western Union and read, "Call me third floor old building tonight." Shortly after receipt of this telegram Opal Long was seen to leave the Clark residence and seen to proceed to a drug store nearby where she made a local call. The conversation could not be heard because of the noise in the store. Shortly after she returned to the Clark residence and accompanied by three other members of the family, two of whom could not be definitely identified but one thought to be Ed Clark, drove cautiously in the Essex Sedan about a 1928 model, which is owned by Mrs. Clark, to the Women's Hospital which is located at Forest and Bethune

Streets, Detroit. They were followed there by Agents who were keeping the house under surveillance and after circling the hospital twice, stopped for a few minutes on one corner and she mysteriously drove to another street where they all remained in the car for a period of several minutes and finally Ed Clark and Opal Long stepped from the car and walked to the entrance of an old building which adjoins the Women's Hospital and which was formerly occupied by this hospital. Opal Long entered, remained inside ten or fifteen minutes and finally returned to the car and drove back to 531 Chandler.

Investigation in the hospital disclosed that this old building is now being used entirely by maids and nurses. A careful investigation was made today of the entire hospital. All of the patients were closely observed but we were unable to find anyone answering the description of persons in whom we are interested. Contact was had with maids residing on the third floor who will notify this office of any information which they are able to discreetly ascertain.

The manager of the Western Union branch where the wire was sent was contacted and the description he furnished of the person who sent the wire does not fit the description of any of the nurses or maids residing on the third floor. Neither Opal Long nor any of the Clark family have been known to enter this building before and of course the trip to this old building is quite mysterious.

In previous communications received at Detroit from Chicago it is noted that one Miles Burpy, allegedly from Highland Park, Michigan, visited the Indian Reservation at Shawano, Wisconsin in the summer of 1933 driving an Auburn automobile, at which time he stayed with friends of Evelyn Frechette. We have conducted a very thorough investigation at Highland Park but have failed to find anyone answering the name of Miles Burpy.

Special Agent M. W. Meekins of this office is at the present time at Lima, Ohio where he will interview Miss Levy, an attorney representing the trio on trial there, for any information which she might furnish which is in accordance with request contained in letter from the Chicago office dated March 21, 1934.

Investigation is also being made at Toledo, Ohio in compliance with an undeveloped lead set out in the report of Special Agent T. F. Mullen, Chicago, Illinois dated 3/19/34 concerning the alleged connections of John Hamilton at Toledo, Ohio, it being noted that an interview with Raymond Gleason of the Kenosha, Wisconsin Police Department, whose half sister is the wife of Elmer Hamilton, brother of John, advised that John Hamilton's wife is dead; that she disappeared leaving two boys twelve and sixteen who are now alleged to be residing with John Hamilton's mother-in-law, who is believed to be a Mrs. Stevens or Stephenson at 1008 E. Bancroft Street, Toledo; that Hamilton is supposed to have some sort of a trust fund for these boys in a bank in Toledo which was created through Claude Hamilton, a brother of John, who is now

residing at Cleveland, Ohio. The investigation at Cleveland has been conducted without developments.

DESCRIPTIONS

Name - EVELYN FRECHETTE alias ANN MARTIN alias EVELYN SPARKS alias BILLIE (Dillinger's sweetheart who was arrested with him at Tucson, Arizona, January 25, 1934)

Age - 25.

Height - 5' 2"

Weight - 120 lbs.

Hair - Black

Eyes - Brown

Build - Plump

Complexion - Dark

Does not appear to possess Indian features, although she is a half-breed Indian

Name - PATRICIA YOUNG alias PAT alias PAT CHERRINGTON alias ANN JACKSON

Age - 30

Height - About 5' 3 or 4"

Weight - 120 lbs.

Hair - Black

Complexion - Dark

Looks like an Indian

Wears a black Hudson Seal Coat

Name - OPAL LONG alias BERNICE LONG alias BERNICE THOMPSON (Sweetheart of Russell Clark, arrested with him at Tucson, Arizona, January 25, 1934)

Age - 35

Height - 5' 7 or 8"

Weight - 140 lbs.

Build - Heavy

Complexion - Light; freckled

Hair - Natural brilliant red

Dissipated looking

Wears white gold rimmed glasses with heavy lenses; has pronounced squint when glasses not worn. (It has been determined that she evidently is quite near-sighted and usually when leaving the Clark residence is accompanied by another member of the family who closely observes the situation for her.)

Name - JUNE YOUNG (Beverly June Young) daughter of Pat  
Age - 12  
Height - 4'  
Weight - 80 to 90 lbs.  
Hair - Dark Brown  
Eyes - Dark Brown  
Complexion - Dark  
Appears that she might be of Italian or Indian extraction with fairly heavy features.

The Los Angeles office has advised that Ann Martin alias Frechette and Opal Long departed from Tucson, Arizona about February 1, 1934 following their release in that city and proceeded to Kansas City, Missouri.

In compliance with request contained in telegram from the Chicago office dated March 24, copies of photographs of Evelyn Frechette furnished this office by the Division were forwarded to Chicago.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:** The CHICAGO OFFICE It is respectfully requested that the Chicago office conduct appropriate investigation at the Cherrington home, 1832 Belmont and at 901 Addison Street in an attempt to obtain the present location of Pat alias Ann Jackson alias Young.

It is very possible that Mrs. Verne Miner, who, it will be noted in the body of this report can be reached at either 3864 Cottage Grove, 524 Belden Avenue or through Mrs. Moore, telephone Mahawk 2548, Chicago, will be able to furnish valuable information regarding the gang. However, it is possible that she should be approached under a pretext as undoubtedly she is very closely associated with Pat and Opal Long. There is of course, an indication that these two women will return the child, June Young, age 12, to Chicago and turn her over again to Mrs. Miner. It will be interesting to note that it was during the early part of October that she was delivered to the Miner family at North Star, Michigan. In this respect it will be noted that the escape at the Indiana State Penitentiary at Michigan City took place on September 26 and from all indications Dillinger, Copeland and the entire gang resided in Chicago for a period of several weeks immediately thereafter. Undoubtedly they were in close contact with Opal Long, Pat and others during that period and evidently it was necessary to keep the child at some distant point. It might be advisable to contact Harry Copeland at the Indiana State Penitentiary to determine his connections with "Pat" and why he assumed the name of Cherrington.

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It will be noted it was indicated in letter from Detroit dated March 21, 1934 that there was some question as to whether the photograph of Evelyn Frechette secured from [redacted] at Shawano, Wisconsin and the photograph of Ann Martin arrested with Dillinger at Tucson were identical. It has now, however, been definitely determined that they are one and the same. It will be noted in the body of this report that Mrs. Wilson, who formerly resided at the Clark home and who was there while Evelyn Frechette visited that home during the latter part of February, readily identified the suede jacket worn by Ann Martin at Tucson. Also, quickly identified the striped waste.

It is also suggested that the Chicago Office make inquiry at 428 S. Oak Park Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois to determine if there is anyone there at the present time having any connection with the Dillinger outfit. It will be noted that this address was given when the Ford DeLuxe V-8 Sedan was purchased on December 14, 1933 from Charles J. Dempsey, 2300 W. Madison Street, Chicago.

The DETROIT OFFICE

will maintain surveillance over the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Strachen, 75 Windemere, Highland Park and Mrs. Mae Clark, 531 Chandler Street, the main object being at the present time, Opal Long who, it is presumed, will contact Dillinger either directly or indirectly. There are no telephones at either of the above two addresses and therefore no information can be obtained through that medium.

Investigation will also be continued at the Women's Hospital concerning the activities of Opal Long in the old building adjoining the institution which building was formerly occupied by the hospital. [redacted]

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[redacted] This will be given careful attention.

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ADDENDUM Since the above report was dictated, a telegram has been received at Detroit from the Cincinnati office advising that Ruby Whitehouse, sister of Whitey of Lebanon, Kentucky, a close associate of Dillinger is now reported residing at 11703 Kercheval Avenue, Detroit and this matter is now receiving close attention. In this connection reference is made to report of Special Agent Hurley dated March 13, 1934.

A copy of the photograph of Evelyn Frechette alias Sparks alias Billie is being transmitted with a copy of this report to the Cincinnati office for its information.

Also since this report was dictated, a full report has been furnished this office by the Psychological Department of the Highland Park Public Schools, copy of which is being transmitted with each copy of this report. It will be noted that the substance of the examination of June Young, daughter of Pat alias Ann Jackson alias Gherrington, is incorporated in the body of this report.

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Special Agent in Charge  
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1531 First National Bank Bldg.  
El Paso, Texas

Re: JOHN WILLIAMS, aka witness;  
ROBERT JONES  
Nat'l Motor Vehicle Theft Act

L. A. File # 44-1000

Confirming telegram sent you on March 15, 1934, relative to the above entitled matter, please be advised that investigation conducted by Special Agent Albert Miller of this office at Clifton, Arizona, disclosed that MRS. VANNIE K. JONES is now teaching at a small rural school near the town of Blue, Greenlee County, Arizona.

Undersheriff WILLIAM PHILIPS of Clifton, Ariz., advised Agent Miller that Mrs. Jones is presumably well known to him, and that he could furnish her a portion of excellent character and reputation.

Due to the difficulty in reaching Blue, Arizona, by motor vehicle or other means of transportation, Undersheriff Phillips, in view of his personal acquaintance with Mrs. Jones, volunteered to communicate with her in an effort to discreetly ascertain the present whereabouts of Wm. WILLIAMS, without revealing the purpose of the inquiry.

Since the above arrangements were effected via Deputy Sheriff PHILIPS, and pursuant thereto, a telegram was received from Sheriff HARVEY C. SMITH of Clifton, Ariz., in which he stated that Mrs. Vannie K. Jones could furnish no information regarding Wm. WILLIAMS, but that she suggested that he call upon JAMES H. BROWN, Sheriff of Greenlee County, Arizona, who is the brother-in-law of Wm. WILLIAMS.

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

Los Angeles, Calif.  
March 25, 1934

Mr. Larnock  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
633 Lafayette Bldg  
Detroit, Michigan



JOHN DILLINGER IS TWENTY SEVEN AND ANN MARTIN HAIR BLACK WHEN ARRESTED TOUGH STOP BERNICE THOMPSON ALIAS BERNICE LONG ALIAS OPAL LONG WOMAN COMPANION OF RUSSELL CLARK ARRESTED TOUGH WHEN DILLINGER APPREHENDED LEFT TOUGH FREIGHT FIRST THIS YEAR FOR KANSASCITY IN COMPANY WITH ANN MARTIN STOP DESCRIPTION BERNICE THOMPSON AGE THIRTY FIVE HEIGHT FIVE SEVEN OR EIGHT WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED FORTY BUILD HEAVY LIGHT FRECKLED COMPLEXION NATURAL BRILLIANT RED HAIR HARD LOOKING WHITE GOLD RIMMED GLASSES WITH HEAVY LENSES FREQUENTLY SQUINT WHEN GLASSES NOT WORN

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J. E. BURR  
Los Angeles, California  
March 21, 1934.

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

Re: JOHN WILLIAMS, with aliases, et al.  
Evans, Bernice Thompson alias Lucille Long alias Freda Lee  
and other persons.

Dear Sir:

On March 18, 1934, at Los Angeles, California, please be advised that John Williams, alias Freda Lee, was contacted by telephone at the residence of the above named person at the office of the above named person. It was stated that he was the son of the person named above. Williams is the companion of Bernice Thompson, alias Lucille Long, alias Freda Lee, alias Evans, Bernice Thompson alias Lucille Long alias Freda Lee, and other persons.

Officer James stated that on March 18, 1934, early in the day arrested; that the same person of Detroit, Michigan, alias Thompson alias Evans, alias Long, alias Williams, alias Freda Lee, alias Bernice Thompson, alias Lucille Long, alias Evans, Bernice Thompson alias Lucille Long alias Freda Lee, was arrested on March 18, 1934, at Los Angeles, California, and was taken to the Los Angeles County Jail. It was stated that Bernice Thompson was very friendly and was very cooperative in the matter of the arrest on February 1, 1934, was taken to the Los Angeles County Jail, Los Angeles, California, and was taken to the Los Angeles County Jail.

Officer James stated that he recently returned from Union Park, Indian and Iowa, where he obtained the assignments of the various individuals apprehended by the United States Marshal at that time through local officers that Bernice Thompson was in the Los Angeles County Jail, and was being held there.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of the report of Officer James and two copies of the report of the Los Angeles County Jail.

- WJ:MS  
cc: Division—  
Chicago  
St. Louis  
Jacksonville  
Cincinnati  
Kansas City

Very truly yours,

J. E. BURR,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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March 29, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE.

Re: Wire Tapping,  
Dillinger Case.

Special Agent in Charge E. H. Purvis was granted authorization to place a telephone tap on the telephone wires entering a room occupied by Opal Long in the Commonwealth Hotel at Chicago.

This woman is said to be a friend of Dillinger and she arrived in Chicago today from Detroit, and has a room at the Commonwealth Hotel. Special Agents likewise have a room at the same hotel.

H. H. Clegg.

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

DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATION  
MICHIGAN  
MAR 29 1934

Re: **OPAL LONG BILLINGS** with aliases  
and a very close connection with the  
Michigan Central train #33 at 5:15 a.m. today. In my report  
dated 3/28/34, Opal Long has been staying at the home of Mrs. Mae Clark,  
mother of Russell Clark, 831 Chandler Street, Detroit.

SWELYN FROCHETTE alias Sparks alias Ann Jackson alias  
Billie, Billinger's sweetheart, who was arrested at  
Arizona, it will be noted in the above referred to report for a  
few days during the latter part of February stayed at the home address  
of old one PAT alias PATRICIA FOUNG alias Ann Jackson alias Jackson  
and it will be noted, is also connected with the Billinger case being  
arrested at one time been closely associated with Mrs. Mae Clark.

The three above named women, who have been known to  
Mary Chummy, there being some indication to the effect that she is  
sister of Opal. **JUNE YOUNG**, age 12, Pat's daughter, is at the present  
time still residing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mary Chummy,  
95 Wadsworth, Highland Park (Detroit), Michigan.

The above addresses, 831 Chandler and 95 Wadsworth, have  
been kept under surveillance by this office for several days and about  
midnight last night OPAL LONG hurriedly got into a taxicab at the Chandler  
Street address and it was observed that she was traveling with a trunk  
and three suitcases. The taxicab was driven over a zigzag course  
and it was observed that the driver was in an attempt to  
escape the light by following the car.

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Special Agent J. L. Murphy of this office, without making himself suspicious, determined that she had been driven to the Michigan Central Railroad Station where it was found that she purchased a ticket for Chicago and shipped the small steamer trunk, color green, on baggage check #143-157. This trunk was not sent to any particular address in Chicago. She indicated when purchasing the ticket, that she had intended to take the 12:30 midnight train, but finally concluded that she would depart at 8:15, which train arrives in Chicago at 8:15 a.m. After checking the three pieces of baggage which she carried, consisting of one suitcase, large black; one small overnight bag, black and one large light yellow grip, she emerged from the station and was seen to enter another taxicab. In order to avoid causing any suspicion, she was not allowed to be seen at a beer garden or some similar place, awaiting the arrival of the early morning train.

It was determined upon my arrival at the station, that she perhaps had on at least one occasion, seen Special Agents Murphy, Sears and Whitson hence, Special Agents Sweeney and Bishop, whom she had never seen, were instructed to make necessary arrangements to ride the same train with her to Chicago. They were given appropriate instructions to follow in the event she left the train before arriving in Chicago. She occupied the day coach on the above described train, which coach was #379. There is, of course, every indication that she will contact her friends Pat and Evelyn Frecker upon her arrival in Chicago.

As explained to Special Agent Wataru, she is a very sensitive individual and one who has evidently been shadowed on many occasions during her association with the Hillinger gang. Hence, she is extremely alert and much precaution must be used in shadowing her.

It is felt that the names and addresses set out in my report of 1/20/34 will assist materially in handling the situation in Chicago.

Very truly yours,

W. L. MED  
cc - Cincinnati  
Kansas City  
St. Louis  
Los Angeles

Mr. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

DGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 28, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Re: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with aliases,  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER 1217,  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

There is attached a memorandum covering the activities of John Dillinger subsequent to his parole from the Indiana State Prison on May 10, 1933.

You will note from this memorandum that Harry Copeland who was on parole from the Indiana State Prison, assisted in liberating John Dillinger from the County Jail at Lima, Ohio, at which time the Sheriff was killed. In view of this I am preparing another memorandum covering the activities of Harry Copeland.

Respectfully,

*T. N. Stapleton*

T. N. STAPLETON

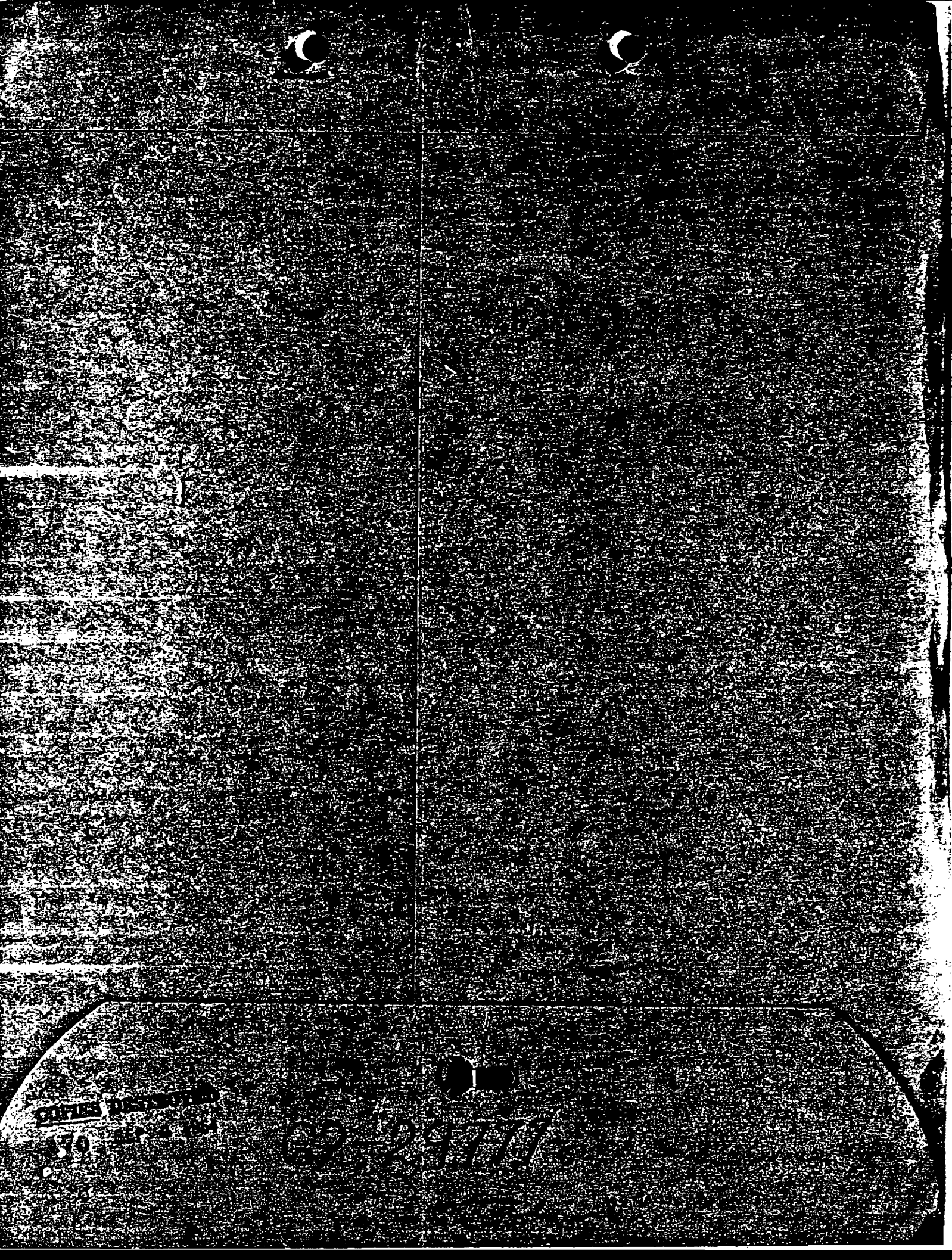
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**JOHN HENRY MILLINGER, with aliases,  
IDENTIFICATION PRIOR 1933,  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT**

John Herbert Millinger, 1904, was received at the State Reformatory, Footleton, Indiana, September 24, 1933 to serve sentences of 2 to 24 years and 18 to 24 years respectively, after having been convicted of an assault and battery with intent to rob and conspiracy to commit a robbery. Millinger was transferred from this institution to the Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana, July 24, 1934 and paroled by the Governor of Indiana on May 24, 1934.

Following his release on parole, numerous bank robberies occurred in the states of Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois in which Millinger and associates were believed to have participated. On September 22, 1933 Millinger was arrested by the Police at Dayton, Ohio and delivered to the Sheriff at Lima, Ohio on September 23, 1933 who committed him to the County Jail to await trial for the robbery of a bank at Bluffton, Ohio.

On September 21, 1933 Harry Flanagan, Russell Clark, Edward Shouse, Charles Malley, John Hamilton, Joseph Fox, Walter Dietrich, and Joseph Burns, all of whom were serving terms of 15 years to life imprisonment in the State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana, escaped from this institution after bounding two guards and threatening to kill them with the use of shotguns and rifles which had been smuggled into them. When this occurred it was recalled that some written plans, not understandable at the time, were taken from Millinger's possession when he was arrested at Dayton, Ohio September 22, 1933 which, when considered in connection with the escape, proved to be a chart to be used by the convicts in making their get-away when they were outside the prison. Millinger became intimately acquainted with the above named convicts while confined in the prison with them prior to his parole.

On the night of October 14, 1935 about 8:00 P.M., three men entered Sheriff James Sawyer's office at Lima, Ohio stating that they were from the Indiana State Prison and came to get John Dillinger who was a parolee from the institution. The Sheriff, who was seated at his desk, asked to see who was doing the talking for his credentials and simultaneously the individual pulled a gun and advised the Sheriff that that was his authority. Before the Sheriff could move, the gunman shot him and beat him into unconsciousness with the butt of a pistol. The three gunmen then obtained the keys to the jail, liberated John Dillinger, and locked the Sheriff's wife and a Deputy Sheriff in the jail, leaving the Sheriff dying on the floor. He died about two hours later in a hospital.

Harry Pierpont, Russell Clark, Charles Makley, and Harry Copeland, who was at that time on parole from the Indiana State Prison, were positively identified as taking part in the liberation of Dillinger. A nation-wide search was then instituted for these individuals during which time they were suspected of several bank robberies, articles of proof being obtained in some instances, and identified as robbing the police departments at Auburn, Indiana and Peru, Indiana on October 14 and October 21, 1934, obtaining several machine guns, rifles, revolvers, ammunition, and several bullet-proof vests.

On January 15, 1934, shortly after noon, this gang robbed the First National Bank of East Chicago, Indiana, after killing a police officer who was stationed in the bank, of over \$20,000 in currency.

On January 26, 1934 Dillinger, Pierpont, Clark, and Makley were arrested at Tucson, Arizona in possession of over \$25,000, part of which was obtained from the East Chicago, Indiana bank, three Thompson sub-machine guns, two Winchester rifles, mounted as machine guns, and five bullet-proof vests. Dillinger was returned to Indiana where he was committed to the County Jail, Green Point, Indiana to await trial for the murder of the police officer at East Chicago, Indiana. Pierpont, Makley and Clark were returned to Ohio and later convicted of the murder of the Sheriff at Lima, Ohio, Pierpont and Makley receiving death sentences, while Clark was sentenced to life imprisonment.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

HHC:RCL

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

March 29, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Purvis called and stated that Opal Long, who was followed by Detroit Agents to Chicago in an effort to locate Dillinger, has taken a room at the Commonwealth Hotel in Chicago.

Mr. Purvis thinks a wire tap on her line is necessary. Authorization was given therefor in your absence.

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Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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1900 Bankers Bldg.  
Chicago, Illinois  
March 29, 1934

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

Dear Sir:-

As of possible interest, I am forwarding herewith newspaper clipping entitled the "Once Over" by H. I. Phillips, which is purported to be a satire on Dillinger's incarceration at the Crown Point jail.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
From IDENTIFICATION UNIT

4/29 1934

To: Director  
Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Clegg  
Miss Gandy  
X Chief, Unit 1  
Chief Clerk  
Printing Section  
Files  
Mr.

Writer not known to me. Referred to you as a division case.

L. C. Schilder.

J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Division of Investigation

Dear Sir:

Please send me fingerprint classification and description of John Pillingor

Sincerely yours

Willie L. Dougherty

Nichelsville

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Special Agent in Charge,  
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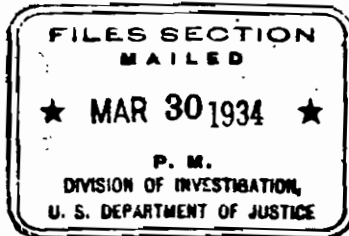
Dear Sir:

Re: John Herbert Dillinger, with aliases,  
Identification Order 1217,  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

There are attached copies of a letter from Willie L. Dougherty, Nickelsville, Virginia, requesting to be furnished with the fingerprint classification and description of John Dillinger.

It is desired that Mr. Dougherty be interviewed in order to ascertain for what purpose he desires this information and whether he is in possession of information as to the whereabouts of Subject Dillinger.

Very truly yours,



Director.

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was received by the company from Martin J. from Oklahoma

City, Okla., requesting that the order that he had placed

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TITLE: **JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with aliases**

CHARACTER OF CASE: **FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT**

Attorney John Sagan, Dayton, Ohio, advised that he had been advised by a habeas corpus petitioner to file extradition prior to Dillinger's removal to Lima, Ohio, and to inform the petitioner of Dillinger's whereabouts. Stanley Barker was located at 203 S. Oak St., Hamilton, Ohio. He further advised that Dillinger is or has been in Hamilton, Ohio, recently. [redacted] advised that the Barker family of Hamilton purchased a farm near Larranburg, Ohio, and will now share with the [redacted] family as they to be established.

Reports of Special Agents W. G. [redacted], Ohio, dated 3-19-34 and T. F. Wallen, Chicago, Illinois, dated 3-9-34.

AT DAYTON, OHIO

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted]:

Attorney John Sagan, Third National Bank, Dayton, stated he had met Herbert Dillinger when that person came to Dayton to visit Subject John Dillinger before the latter was removed to Lima last year, and could hardly be acquainted with him. Sagan was John Dillinger's attorney before his removal to Lima - that is, he put in a motion for a writ of habeas corpus and prepared to fight extradition.

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He had no idea how John Dillinger came to send for him to defend him, because he had never met him before, and had not done any legal work for the woman named Longnecker with whom John was associating at that time.

Eagan stated that he did not know anything as to how Dillinger and how he, Eagan, saw Dillinger coming to Hamilton, Ohio, or any other way.

Eagan said that he knew no more about Dillinger's friends and relatives than he read in the newspapers. He said that he had never heard of Youngblood until the stories of the escape from Lima appeared. He agreed that the wisest thing Dillinger could have done was part company with the Negro, and pointed out to this agent that difficulties he, Eagan, had when traveling with his Negro chauffeur.

It will be noted that the personal history of the woman known as Longnecker, an associate of John Dillinger, was not ascertained. This information will be gathered from Attorney John Eagan at the earliest possible date.

#### HAMILTON, OHIO

The reporting agent ascertained from Chief of Police Calhoun that Stanley Wagner, who was a brother of Mrs. Leroy Hooten, is now living at 805 S. 8th St., Hamilton, Ohio. Chief Calhoun stated that he has been unable to ascertain any information which would indicate that Dillinger is or has been recently in Hamilton, Ohio. He stated that he has never known through the wife of Stanley Wagner that the Wagner family has purchased a farm in Indiana located on the Ohio River near Lawrenceburg, and that they expect to move from Hamilton, Ohio, to this farm in 1934. Chief Calhoun stated that he is endeavoring to ascertain the exact location of this farm and also the exact date the Wagners expect to move. He stated in the interim he is having his day and night motorcycle men ride past the Wagner residence every hour with a view of ascertaining whether or not there appears to be any activity in connection with their moving.

Bill Grevey, the Grevey Motor Company, 823 Hamilton Ave., Hamilton, Ohio, was again interviewed and advised he has no further information pertaining to the Basqua boys or Leroy Hooten. He stated that he has been unable to ascertain the location in Kentucky where the Hootens were supposed to have visited during the first part of February, 1934.

#### AT RAY'S HOME, OHIO

The farm of Ralph Hart has been kept under surveillance; however, nothing indicates that there are any strangers or foreign cars in or about the dwelling or barns located on the premises.

Postmaster Weaver, Seven Mile, was interviewed and stated he has been watching for any information which might indicate Dillinger or members of his gang were hiding out on the Hart farm, but to date he has been unsuccessful in ascertaining this information. He stated, however, that it is doubtful as to whether Dillinger would hide out on that farm inasmuch as he believes it is not isolated enough from the neighboring places.

He further advised that on Sunday, 4-11-34, five gangsters were seen about the streets of Hamilton in Ford 2-3 sedan bearing Illinois license plates, and that this car at the time was driven to the Grand Hotel where three of the gangsters got out and had beer and sandwiches at the Hotel were while the other two gangsters remained in the car. [redacted] stated that he had received information through his son-in-law, who lived at the Grand Hotel, that the two gangsters who remained in the rear seat of the car, were each equipped with a machine gun which they held across their knees; that the other three gangsters conspicuously displayed side arms. He stated that it was his information that Dillinger was one of these gangsters from conversation overheard by the three who were having sandwiches and beer in the hotel. He further stated that the police at Hamilton were advised of this situation and he had been informed by the police at the time that the remark it would be unwise to attempt to make any apprehensions inasmuch as these gangsters were heavily armed.

It may be noted in this connection [redacted] is un- friendly toward the Hamilton Police Department and further at no time during previous conversations had in connection with this matter with Chief of Police Calhoun, Hamilton, has the Chief mentioned the fact to agent that any persons had visited Hamilton in a Ford bearing Illinois license plates.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

SINCINNATI OFFICE at Hamilton, Ohio, is following up this matter with view of ascertaining the location of the farm to be occupied by the gangster near Lawrenceburg, Ind. If it is possible the owners have purchased this farm as a hide-out for the Dillinger gang.

At Dayton, Ohio, Bill Reinhardt, attorney John Egan, is ascertaining all facts relative to the woman known as [redacted], an associate of Dillinger. It is possible that this woman may be in communication with Dillinger at the present time.

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**Division of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

**Detroit, Michigan.  
March 30, 1934**

**Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
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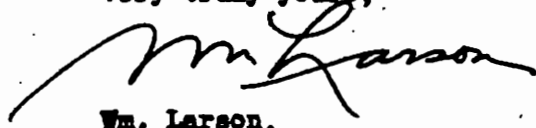
**Dear Sir:**

Please be advised that Special Agents L. Whitson and J. F. Sears, who have been in the Detroit district on temporary assignment for the past week, departed for their headquarters at Cincinnati at 11:00 P.M. last night, March 29, 1934.

These agents, it will be noted, had been engaged in maintaining the surveillance of houses in Detroit where Opal Long, a member of the Dillinger gang, has been staying.

It will be further noted in my communication of yesterday, that she departed early yesterday morning for Chicago, Illinois.

Very truly yours,



**Wm. Larson,  
Special Agent in Charge**

**WL:DPH  
cc: Cincinnati**

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**U. S. Department of Justice**

625 Lafayette Bldg.  
Detroit Michigan  
March 30, 1934



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

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that Special Agents  
L. D. Socoy and J. H. Bishop departed from Detroit 3:13 a.m.  
March 29 shadowing OPAL LONG, a member of the DILLINGER mob,  
to Chicago.

Upon arrival at Chicago the party was met  
by Agents of the Chicago Division office and Agents Socoy  
and Bishop immediately returned to Detroit, arriving here  
8:15 p.m. last night, March 29.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

WL:MEB

cc - Chicago

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J. CONNELLY  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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- MR. COWLEY
- MR. EDWARDS
- MR. EGAN
- MR. QUINN
- MR. LESTER
- MR. LOCKE
- MR. RORER

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Mr. Rorer telephoned. There had been reported to the St. Paul office that a woman by the name of Mrs. Carl T. Hellman had rented an apartment on March 19 for herself and her husband at 95 South Lexington Street. Agents were sent out to look the place over and found that the apartment was one in which all the curtains were drawn. The information received indicated that three men and two women were using the apartment and that they were acting as suspicious characters.

After the observation that the curtains were drawn was made Mr. Rorer instructed the Agents to go to the police department and get any assistance that was needed in order to enter the apartment. Two Special Agents, R. C. Coulter and R. L. Nalls, went to the police department and obtained the services of one police officer. The three then proceeded to the premises, knocked on the door but they could not get in. Someone from the outside then came up and Coulter started questioning him and the individual states that "You have asked for it so I am going to give it to you". He immediately pulled a revolver and started shooting at Agent Coulter. Coulter stepped to the side of the door, which afforded some protection, and started shooting back and his assailant left. In the meantime a man came from within the apartment with a machine gun and started shooting at the officer down the hall. In the gun fight that followed Special Agent Nalls shot the tire off of the Plymouth Coupe in which the first assailant had arrived. The group occupying the apartment then ran out of the building and entered a Hudson automobile and made their get-away in this automobile. Two of the men who were observed appeared to be 5' 8 or 9" in height and about 37 years of age. The third appeared to be 5'7" in height and about 45 years of age. The two women were apparently in their 20's. Rorer stated that inside the apartment they found machine guns and various types of artillery and firearms equipment, including one gun the size of an automatic pistol with a grip on it which makes it, in fact, a small sized machine gun. Rorer stated that none of these individuals fitted the description of the Barker-Karpis gang members and it is his idea that they are "bank men". They have broadcast information by telephone to all surrounding cities describing the car and its occupants in the hopes that they may be located and apprehended. He has stationed three Special Agents in the apartment and they are processing the place for fingerprints. They will also process the Plymouth automobile for fingerprints. Orders have been issued that no one except police officers can come to that floor of the apartment building.

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Detroit, Michigan

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Mr. Rorer called back a few moments later and stated that one of the Agents telephoned that from a photograph of Dillinger which was available it appeared that one of the men might have been Dillinger, although there has been no positive identification. He plans, in calling further outlying police departments, to tell them to likewise be on the lookout for Dillinger.

Respectfully,

  
H. H. Clegg.