

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 6, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

RE: JOHN H. DILLINGER
JOHN PAUL CHASE AND
ALVIN KARPIS CASES

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Backus.....
Mr. Baughman..
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Keith.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Schilder.....
Mr. Smith.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

I called Mr. Connelley at Chicago relative to newspaper representatives making some statements concerning the press dispatch to the effect that Dillinger used a real gun to make his escape from the Crown Point jail and that the statement was made from one source that an Agent of the Bureau expressed his opinion to an attorney relative to same. Mr. Connelley stated that Agent Walsh did not express an opinion on this matter to the United States Attorney; that he only submitted the facts as they are; that half of the persons at Crown Point say that Dillinger used a real gun and half say he used a wooden gun, so Agent Walsh could not give an opinion either way on it. Mr. Connelley said that any opinions given would be those of United States Attorney Fleming and that written reports were submitted to him by the Bureau on this matter.

I also advised Mr. Connelley that the Department is attempting to obtain a transcript of testimony in the prior trial of the Piquett case so the Bureau would have same in its files. I told him that I felt that what was said at the trial was more nearly what would be said at the next trial than what was recorded in the reports of the Bureau.

Mr. Connelley advised that there was nothing new on the Brener case and that they had several "taps" in certain places which are being covered.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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