

Chicago, Illinois
April 6, 1935

MEMORANDUM TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE - E. J. CONNELLEY.

Re: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER -
ESCAPE FROM CROWN POINT JAIL
MARCH 3, 1934. File - 62-1889.

On April 4, 1935, by appointment, Special Agent G. C. Woltz, conferred with United States Attorney James R. Fleming, at his office at Fort Wayne, Indiana, relative to the DILLINGER Crown Point Jail Break. At this time Agent Woltz told Mr. Fleming that various persons had been interviewed, who were witnesses at the DILLINGER Break, and that none of these witnesses interviewed had expressed any knowledge of any conspiracy to cause the break, and the substances of their statements were to the effect that they had been there, and had seen DILLINGER thrust something into Sam Cahoon's back that was shaped similar to a gun. Several of these witnesses were locked up with Cahoon in a cell. These witnesses stated that DILLINGER proceeded towards the main office, and that DILLINGER and YOUNGBLOOD appeared soon thereafter with machine guns and took BLUNK with them towards the main office of the jail.

Agent Woltz stated to Mr. Fleming, that all of the witnesses that he had talked with stated that the object DILLINGER had, apparently was wood, as it sounded like wood when rapped on the jail bars, but they could not say other than that it was black, and shaped like a gun.

Agent Woltz told Mr. Fleming that one witness, Sam Cahoon, stated that the object DILLINGER had was a real automatic, and that Sam Cahoon seemed to be very positive that it was an automatic. However, Agent Woltz told Mr. Fleming that corroborative evidence to this statement could not be uncovered or furnished by any of the other witnesses Agent Woltz had interviewed.

Agent Woltz told Mr. Fleming the substance of the statements received from witnesses interviewed, but did not state to Mr. Fleming at any time that the object DILLINGER carried had been a blue steel gun, or that there had been any outside assistance, or that it was an outside job. Agent Woltz did not make any statement to Mr. Fleming relative to anyone in Crown Point having been cleared by the above investigation.

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