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

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This turns out to be Homer Van Meter

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.

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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.

This no doubt is Dillinger firing on Det. Cummings

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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.

