

Dallas, Texas  
August 1, 1935

I, C. O. Hurt, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, hereby state that I was present in the offices of the Bureau at Chicago in the early evening of Sunday, July 22, 1934, at which time plans for the capture of John Dillinger were outlined and discussed. Those in charge of the discussion were Inspector Sam P. Cowley and Special Agent in Charge Melvin H. Purvis.

We were instructed to seize Dillinger bodily and under no circumstances to fire a shot unless compelled to do so in self defense. I was one of those delegated to seize Dillinger when he came out of the Biograph Theatre, but the plans did not work out as contemplated, and it became necessary in self defense to use fire-arms to subdue Dillinger.

Our instructions were to fire no shots whatsoever if same could be avoided. These instructions were issued jointly by Mr. Cowley and Mr. Purvis, and they were in accord upon the instructions, and each took an equal part in outlining the plans and issuing the instructions. It was even suggested at one time during the conference that no firearms of any nature should be taken to the scene. This suggestion was not advanced by either Mr. Cowley or Mr. Purvis, and was not adopted.

C. O. Hurt  
Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

WITNESS:

F. J. Reese  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U.S. Dept. of Justice,  
Dallas, Texas.