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DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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December 18, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Re: Furnishing of the Dillinger
Death Mask to Members of the
Police Training School.

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Boardman	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Foxworth	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Joseph	.....
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

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With regard to the attached memorandum it appears that four members of the recent Police Training School were furnished copies of the Dillinger Death Mask with your approval. The individuals who received this mask were: Claude Broom of the Detroit Police Department, Colonel L. E. Goodrich, Secret Investigator for the Governor of Florida, Lieutenant Colonel William Adams of the Cincinnati Police Department, and Fred Manning, Director of Traffic, Miami Police Department.

At the time the masks were so furnished Mr. Coffey suggested that efforts should be made to determine the manner in which this mask was originally obtained so that such information would be in the files of the Bureau. Accordingly, an investigation conducted by the Chicago Bureau Office revealed that Mr. Harold N. May of the Reliance Dental Manufacturing Company of Chicago personally made the death mask of John Dillinger on the morning of July 23, 1934, at which time Dillinger was in the county morgue. The investigation further indicated that no objections were raised to the making of this mask and Mr. May intimated that he had received the aid of the coroner and the Police Department.

No action on the matter is necessary.

Respectfully,

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Harold Nathan.

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