

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

EPC:ON

December 26, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Re: Request of Lieutenant H. E. McCutcheon for a duplicate of the death mask of John Dillinger.

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Ruchman	
Chief Clerk	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Joseph	✓
Mr. Keith	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Schuder	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

On Monday evening, December 23rd, the Conference considered the letter from Lieutenant H. E. McCutcheon of the Port Huron, Michigan Police Department, dated December 18, 1935, in which Lieutenant McCutcheon asks for a duplicate of the death mask of John Dillinger.

It was the unanimous opinion of the Conference that it would be undesirable for the Bureau to begin to furnish copies of the Dillinger death mask upon written requests from various police throughout the country for the reason that such requests would undoubtedly multiply rapidly until it would be a tremendous burden upon the Bureau. Mr. Glavin advised the Conference that it was his opinion the Bureau could not legally purchase the materials and do the work necessary to make these death masks in order to supply them in quantities to the various police departments who might ask for them.

The Conference was of the opinion that it would be desirable to permit such police officers as attend the police training school to make a duplicate of the Dillinger death mask if they desire in connection with their moulage studies and in such instances it would be perfectly proper to permit these police officers to keep the same for their departments. It was pointed out that such procedure would undoubtedly be perfectly legal inasmuch as it was actually part of their training work.

There is attached hereto a letter to Lieutenant McCutcheon in the event you approve the recommendations of the Conference, advising him of the inability of the Bureau to meet his request.

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Respectfully,  
For the Conference,

JAN 10 1936

Clyde Tolson,  
Chairman.

T. D. Quinn,  
Secretary.

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