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July 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

Mr. Fred Coll, a representative of a broadcasting company, telephoned from New York to inquire if I would give a talk over the radio tonight on the Dillinger case. I told him that I do not believe in talking for broadcasting purposes on such a case, and that the only person who could make a statement would be Mr. Stanley, the Acting Attorney General. I stated that when I received the request earlier this morning, I spoke to Mr. Stanley and stated that I personally felt that the job of an investigator is to investigate and not talk, and that if any radio statement is to be made it should be made by the Acting Attorney General. I suggested that he get in touch with Mr. Stanley, and that he might be willing to make the talk. Mr. Coll stated he thought probably I would reconsider the matter and consent to give the radio talk since I had talked for the papers. I told him that I had only given the interviews authorized by Mr. Stanley, and that I had refused ~~novietone~~ and radio requests because I don't believe in it. I stated the way we feel is that the job is done, we have other work to do, and "we want to lower the curtain."

I advised that Mr. Cummings, the Attorney General, will arrive in Chicago tonight en route to the West; that he will be in Chicago only between trains; and that if he, Mr. Coll, is not successful with Mr. Stanley, he might wish to try the Attorney General. Mr. Coll stated that his company does not have the proper facilities at Chicago to broadcast.

I transferred this call to Mr. Stanley's office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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