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DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice

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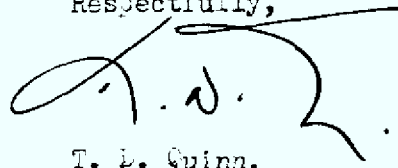
2:15 P.M.

### MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Kindly be informed that Mr. Carusi telephoned and stated that information had been received indicating the Chicago American was about to publish a story that Byron Bolton, a member of the Karpis-Barker gang, has allegedly made a confession to the St. Valentine's Day Massacre and has implicated a Fred Burke, Gus Winkler, Humphries, and several others and that the confession of Bolton was in the Department being carefully studied; that the other newspaper reporters are frantic and Mr. Carusi states that he would like to have some word on this matter either confirming or denying, stating that the other reporters have intimated that it seems very strange the Chicago American is able to get information in advance.

I informed him I had no knowledge of the matter mentioned above, but would gladly call it to your attention.

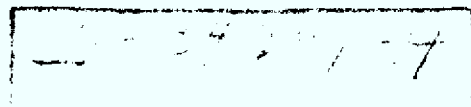
Respectfully,



T. L. Quinn.

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3:05 P.M.

I called Mr. Nathan in connection with the stories in the press concerning the St. Valentine's day massacre, in which statements are made to the effect that "Assistant Director Harold Nathan gave the massacre story a left-hand confirmation", and asked just what he had said to the newspapers about this. Mr. Nathan stated that the inquiries from the press came immediately after the break and that he, Nathan, had advised that "if he had ever made any such confession, I know nothing about it". I advised that the Director had issued a denial that any such statement was given and wants to emphasize that denial and the fact that absolutely nothing more should be said about the St. Valentine's day massacre. Mr. Nathan further advised that the above quoted remarks constituted his first statement, but that later on, after talking with Ladd, he subsequently denied it.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. Tamm.

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Coffey	
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