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WALTER WINCHELL

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NEW YORK MIRROR
DAILY AND SUNDAY

September 5, 1939

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I thought you might like to have
these.

Sincerely,

(s) Rose Bigman

for Walter Winchell

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September 13, 1939

Mr. Walter Winchell
115 Central Park, West
New York, New York

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Dear Walter:

Your letter of August 29, 1939,
enclosing the card from Sam Baron and your
letter of September 5, 1939, enclosing the
clippings concerning Buchalter were brought
to my attention upon my return yesterday.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in making
them available to me.

With our best wishes,

Cordially,

J. Edgar Hoover.

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October 3, 1939

Mr. Walter Winchell
115 Central Park, West
New York, New York

Dear Walter:

There are attached hereto copies of the editorials entitled "Reporter Winchell" which appeared in the August 27, 1939, issue of the Nashville Tennessean and "Winchell's Public Service" which appeared in the August 30, 1939, issue of the Brooklyn Eagle.

I thought you might like to peruse these two editorial comments relative to your activities in connection with the surrender of Louis "Lepke" Buchalter.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Cordially,

John Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Crowl
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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Nathan	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Crowl	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Lawie	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Sears	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Reporter Winchell

This is the young reporter's dream: that some day he will turn up the famous criminal, for whom everyone is searching, and walk him into police headquarters.

Mr. Walter Winchell, well out of his jejune days but still a reporter, undoubtedly will list among his most gratifying experiences the part he played in landing "Lepke" Buchalter in the arms of the F. B. I.

Buchalter had earned the title Public Enemy No. 4. Allegedly the head of one of New York's most brutal gangs, he had evaded the nets of federal, state and metropolitan police for the past two years. A price of \$50,000 was on his head, dead or alive. The manner of his contacts with the reporter and the circumstances of his surrender through Winchell in the crowded center of New York make a modern Arabian Nights tale.

Of course the chatty columnist has a notoriety the average newspaperman does not have. His interest in the Hauptmann case brought him acquaintance with figures in New York's underworld. And his frequent "collaboration" with the F. B. I. was well known. It can be understood why Buchalter, having made up his mind to give up, should have come to Winchell as the intermediary.

Still the feather is in the columnist's cap. He brought in the hunted man. He got the scoop.

And in a week made dismal by crowding rumors of war the story Reporter Winchell has turned in makes a bright splash, happily diverting public attention from jitters in chancelleries to adventure in the streets.

*Photo of Winchell
Sent to Winchell*

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Winchell's Public Service

Walter Winchell, columnist on the New York Mirror and other papers throughout the country and radio news commentator, performed an outstanding public service in bringing about the surrender of Louis (Lepke) Buchalter, fugitive racketeer, to Chief J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

It was a melodramatic story. The contact with Winchell was made in a series of telephone calls by persons unknown to him. They sought assurance that the notorious public enemy could give himself up without being shot.

Hoover promptly gave that guarantee. For over two weeks negotiations continued by telephone until finally last Thursday night after following a complicated series of arrangements Lepke stepped into the newspaper reporter's automobile at Madison Square between 23d and 24th Streets.

Two minutes later the fugitive was turned over to the chief G-man where he was waiting in his car at Fifth Avenue and 28th Street. The "safe delivery" had been accomplished.

The community should be grateful to Winchell for his vital part in the arrest of the much-wanted racketeer.

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Nathan	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Crowl	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Lusk	
Mr. Nichols	✓
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J. Edgar Hoover*

NEW YORK MIRROR
DAILY AND SUNDAY

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Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. [unclear].....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Crowl.....
Mr. [unclear].....
Mr. [unclear].....
Mr. [unclear].....
Mr. [unclear].....
Mr. [unclear].....
Mr. [unclear].....
Miss Gandy.....

235 EAST 45th STREET
NEW YORK CITY 17-1000

October 31, 1939

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Mr. Winchell asked me to send you

the attached.

sincerely,

Rose Bigman

for Walter Winchell

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Mr. Lawler _____
Mr. Lester _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Sears _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Secretary _____

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To Hoover

Incidentally, a campaign is soon to start by a group of women who are pro-German. They are going to start a movement calling the Statue of Liberty the Jewish Trojan horse, and by showing that most of the names on the plaque are Jewish.

They have the support of several people in the scrap iron industry. The name of the women who is in back of this movement is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (This information is very hot please be careful if you use it)

[REDACTED]

The movement will be started when a group of innocent women will ask the government or private people to repaint or regild some part of the statue. That's their strategy, first make it a popular movement, then swing in with the propaganda. [REDACTED] has a libel against the U.P. and World Telegram. They lived in Long Island sometime [REDACTED]

Got [REDACTED] to tell you how a Federal District Attorney in Ohio got even with a political big shot there who prevented him from getting the Federal Judgeship in that State. (Here is the low down, but don't use it unless you get a good conformation).....The political big shot a congressman from Cleveland invited the Federal District Attorney from that city to a booze party in the Mayflower hotel, this was after the Congress man killed the District Attorneys chance of nomination for Judgeship (which Roosevelt had)....during the party there was a raid made by the Dept of Justice who arrested a man who was a fugitive from justice).....believe it or not the record of this man (police record) was removed from the Dept of Justice files.....This is hot but true.... Please withhold my name by all means.....

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NEW YORK TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION No. 6

24 WEST 16TH STREET



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JAMES J. McGRATH, *Secretary-Treasurer*

WILLIAM J. COMBS } *Organizers*
WILLIAM TALBOT }

Walter Winchel, Esq.
235 East 45th Street
New York City

October 30, 1939

Dear Mr. Winchel:

[REDACTED] b-6
their insistence, the enclosed is sent you for disposition, which I am sure is well within your scope.

The three names written on the photostat, even though employed on the Brooklyn Eagle News, set this scurrilous type on the firm's time and expense, but without their knowledge.

If for any reason you find the enclosed extraneous matter, it would please me much to have you return same to me to my home in self-addressed stamped envelope herein contained.

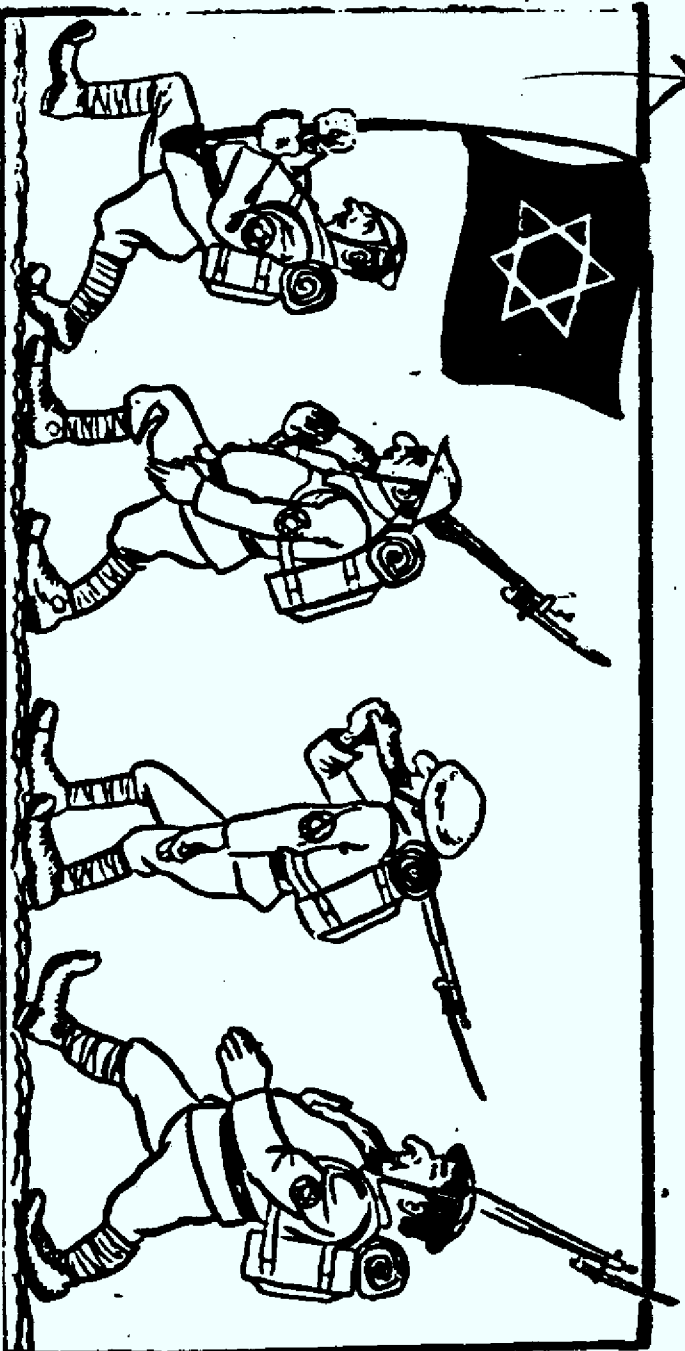
b-6 [REDACTED] Typographical Union #6, you can feel assured that no stone will be left unturned to bring these Jew-baiters before the proper Union tribunal for their un-Union-like conduct.

If for any reason you should desire any further information to cope with this scum, please command me.

Gratefully yours,

[REDACTED] b-6
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Onward Jewish Soldiers!



WHEREAS: In the United States of America a Jewish minority has for the past six years conducted a private boycott and propaganda war against the German nation, and

WHEREAS: The same minority under the pretense of "Saving European Democracies" has through THEIR control of the press, the radio and motion pictures, enlisted in THEIR fight many white Gentile Americans, including some of the highest government officials, and

WHEREAS: Such practices of war-mongering may again lead the United States into a European conflict, for the sole purpose of satisfying JEWISH hatred against the German people, and

WHEREAS: In such a war, Gentiles, mainly would have to fight Gentiles on both sides, Gentiles would take the profits out of war industries,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALL INSIDIOUS AND SUBVERSIVE PROPAGANDA LEADING TO-
WARD WAR WITH A FRIENDLY NATION AND ONE OF THE BEST CUSTOMERS
FOR AMERICAN GOODS AND MATERIALS, BE STOPPED IMMEDIATELY IN ORDER
TO KEEP THIS NATION OUT OF FOREIGN ENTANGLEMENTS!

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: In case said minority succeeds in driving this nation into
war, then all Gentiles be exempt from serving in the armed forces and instead that AN
ARMY CONSISTING OF JEWS ONLY BE RAISED to combat the Hitler regime.

IT IS FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT: ARMS, AMUNITIONS AND WAR MATERIALS OF ALL
KINDS, MANNED BY JEWISH SOLDIERS, SHIPS MANNED BY JEWISH SEAMEN,
AEROPLANES FLOWN BY JEWISH PILOTS, BE SOLD TO this JEWISH army by Gentile
manufacturers at war time prices, and that if necessary white Gentile bankers lend to this
JEWISH army for the continuance of the war any required money at a rate not less than
12% percent per annum.

IT IS STILL FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT: The leading Jews of the nation be given Commissions
as officers of the J. E. F. "Jewish Expeditionary Forces". To mention only a few, such hon-
ors should be bestowed on the following—Eddie CANTOR, Walter WINCHELL, Den-
BERNIE, Jack BENNY, George BURNS, Paul M'INI, Edward G. ROBINSON, Francis
LEDERER, the four MARX BROTHERS, the RITZ BROTHERS, Henry MORGANTHAU,
Felix FRANKFURTER, Barney BARUCH, Samuel UNTERMYER, Samuel DICKSTEIN,
Fiorella La GUARDIA, Stephen M. WISE and ETC., ETC.

FELLOW AMERICANS! GIVE THE JEWS A CHANCE
IF THEY WANT WAR against Germany, let THEM fight, WHILE WE ATTEND TO OUR
PEOPLE, OUR PROBLEMS AND OUR NATION, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
Resolution adopted by the ANTI-COMMUNIST FEDERATION OF AMERICA, George Wash-
ington's Birthday, February 22nd, 1939 at Los Angeles, California.

MICHAEL MARESI

By CHUCK CONNOR

*signed at
Quentin
by Mike Maresi*

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November 7, 1939

Mr. Walter Winchell
New York Mirror
235 East 45th Street
New York City

Dear Walter:

I have just read the two items which your Secretary sent for you, one of which related to the incident in the Mayflower Hotel, at which time it was alleged that a raid was made by the Department of Justice "who arrested a man who was a fugitive from justice." I thought you might want to know that this item is unfounded in fact as a raid was never conducted at the time indicated in this item.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Cordially yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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NEW YORK MIRROR

DAILY AND SUNDAY

235 EAST 48TH STREET
MURRAY HILL 2-1000

October 26, 1939

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Mr. Winchell asked me to send you the
attached.

sincerely,

Rose Bigman
for Walter Winchell
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Mr. Walter Winchell
115 Central Park, West
New York, New York

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Dear Walter:

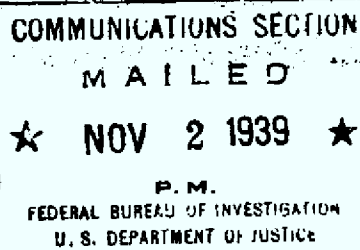
I received this morning a note dated
October 26, 1939, from Miss Rose Bigan enclosing
a copy of the September 28, 1939 issue of
"Liberation."

I read with a great deal of interest the
article "Will America's True Leader Be Judah's Worst-
Treated Critic?" and I wanted to express my sincere
thanks to you for your courtesy in making a copy of
this available to me.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Cordially,

J. Edgar Hoover



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.**

November 12, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TRACY

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Nathan	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	

Time: 10:10 pm

Mr. Walter Winchell called from New York and asked to speak to the Director.

As per your telephonic instructions, I informed The New York operator to ascertain the number at which we could have the Director call Mr. Winchell, and that we would have the Director call as soon as we were able to locate him. The operator informed me Mr. Winchell could be reached by calling operator 57 in New York.

After your conversation with the Director, he called me and stated that he wished to have me call Mr. Tolson and request him, Mr. Tolson, to take the call. The Director also stated he wished to have Mr. Tolson call him, the Director, after completing the call from Mr. Winchell. This was immediately communicated to Mr. Tolson by me by telephone.

Time: 10:36 pm

Mr. Tolson called and informed me that the call had been taken care of, and asked if it had been handled through this board. I informed him that it had not.

Respectfully,

Stanley R. Nygren
Stanley R. Nygren

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Mr. Walter Winchell
New York Daily Mirror
New York City

Dear Walter:-

I wanted you to know how much I appreciated your comment on Sunday night relative to the Al Capone matter. I was very glad indeed that you saw fit to clarify the situation particularly so since I have been the subject of criticism on the part of a large number of newspaper men here who felt that I had given you the information concerning the release of Capone from Terminal Island. I hope to see you soon.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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New York, N. Y.
November 30, 1939.

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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RE: FURDRESS

ON 8/22/84

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Walter Winchall, who is covering the Lepke trial in the above entitled matter, which is now under way, exhibited to Special Agent W. J. McNulty who was in the courtroom this afternoon the uncorrected proof of his column for tomorrow, which was written by his "girl Friday". The first sentence in the proof read, "The desk has learned that defense counsel for Lepke is planning to get you and G-man Hoover to testify at the trial. That's what happens when you try to be helpful."

Winchall evidently showed this statement to the defense counsel, and he sent up by Special Agent McNulty the attached note, which reads as follows:

"Walter:

By all means you must see that story is not printed. There isn't the slightest semblance of truth to the tale.

On this note Winchall has made the following endorsement:

"John:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This note is from [redacted]

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Mr. Winchall informed Special Agent McNulty that the statement in his column was being deleted, and wanted you to be advised of the fact.

Very truly yours,

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
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DATE 8/30/84

P. E. FOXWORTH

Special Agent in Charge.

Enclosure.

November 30, 1939

EAT:LCJ

4:10 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: FURDRESS

57 SAC Foxworth called from New York and advised that Walter Winchell is covering the Lepke trial, which, according to Agent McNulty, is rather a "mad house".

Mr. Foxworth advised that Mr. Winchell gave Agent McNulty the uncorrected proof for his "Girl Friday" column for tomorrow, in which the following appears: "The bet is that defense counsel for Lepke is planning to get you and G-Man Hoover to testify at the trial. That's what happens when you try to be helpful."

b-6 Mr. Winchell also sent the following note to Mr. Foxworth with the request that you be advised of it: "Walter: By all means you must see that this story is not printed. There isn't the slightest semblance of truth to the tale." Mr. Winchell advised that this note was received from [redacted] and that he will try to take the story out of his column. He requested that you be advised that the story will be removed and that there is no foundation for it.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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1 Seem to me Walter Russell tip of the
gangsters & racketeers unnecessary.
ought to be stopped. He abused his meeting
them that "B. man Hoover & several agents"
leave for Miami on the 16th to look after
the mobsters, if any. ... The Committee
too there invited the Feds to 'clean up the
place'. - Of course Russell is Jew first
and then Miami gangsters or racketeers
seem to be of his faith. Hence the tip!
Just before Lipke came in - he had a
give not unfriendly about him. -
Lipke's face looked like the maps of Jewate
So I judge he, too, is a Jew. of the
Jews take care of their own - regardless
But it seems to me the "free press" &
"free speech" angle is being overworked
when a key-hole man is allowed to
publish to the world supposedly "inside
information". In our fair city of Chicago
it is said that before a liquor raid there are
elaborate plans made, giving the several "cop" to
their favorites to move their cache to
the hills. & over. Anyway, seems to me your
tip is over-sublimed, with the ad
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LAT:CON

Time: 3:10 p.m.

December 23, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

0 SAC Foxworth called from New York and advised that Walter Winchell was just in to see him. He call Foxworth this morning and advised that Buchalter wanted Winchell to see him in the Marshal's office. Winchell contacted Buchalter and thereafter talked to Cahill.

A Buchalter advised Winchell that he was given definite assurance before he came in that everything had been taken care of; that he was told definitely that Mr. Hoover had said he, Buchalter, would not get a sentence of over ten years and that Mr. Hoover had talked with the Attorney General and the President of the United States about this and was told that the assurance could be given.

Mr. Winchell stated he desired to get word to the Director that he advised Buchalter today that no promises of any kind had been made; that Mr. Hoover had said in his personal opinion that the sentence probably would not be over twelve or fifteen years but that this was merely Mr. Hoover's opinion as no one could tell what a judge would do.

Mr. Foxworth also stated that the newspaper men cornered Winchell when in Cahill's office and asked what he had told Buchalter. Winchell merely told them that he saw Lepke and had told him no consideration was going to be given him.

Mr. Winchell also wanted Mr. Hoover to know that he has seen Judge Knox. Having heard that Buchalter was under the impression stated above, he advised the judge that neither Mr. Hoover nor any other Agent of the Federal Government had made any statement to the effect that Lepke would be given only ten years. Judge Knox advised Winchell to advise no one excepting Mr. Hoover that they had discussed this matter.

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Buchalter also informed Winchell that a man named Gurnes had told him not to worry as everything was all right.

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Mr. Foxworth pointed out to Winchell that this was merely an ordinary statement having been made only to console Lepke and not a promise in any respect. Mr. Winchell readily agreed.

Mr. Winchell also wanted the Director to know that he is very much worried and concerned as he believes the gang will now start a war of bumping certain individuals off and that Winchell will be one of the first victims. Winchell stated, however, that although he knew Mr. Hoover would make men available to protect him and do everything possible in this regard, that the G-Men would be of no help to him since he could not carry on certain phases of his work in the presence of G-Men.

I told Mr. Foxworth the above information would be given to the Director.

E. A. TAMM

New York, N. Y.
January 2, 1940.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sirs:

Walter Winchell called at this office on December 29, 1939, at which time he asked that I deliver a message to you. Mr. Winchell stated that Louis "Lepke" Buchalter had sent word that he wanted to see him and that he, Winchell, had been to the United States Marshal's office where he had talked to Lepke. He stated that Assistant United States Attorney Jerome Doyle was present during part of the conversation.

Buchalter indicated to Winchell that he had been very definitely double-crossed and informed him that prior to surrendering he had been given definite assurance that he would not receive a sentence of over ten years. Buchalter further claimed he was told by the intermediaries between him and Winchell that you personally said that the sentence would not be over ten years, and stated that you had talked with the Attorney-General and the President regarding this matter.

Winchell stated that he told Buchalter that no one had made any definite promise of any kind, and the only thing that had been said regarding the sentence was that you stated in your personal opinion the sentence based upon the facts of the case, would not be over about twelve or fifteen years, but that no one could tell what sentence the judge would mete out.

Winchell stated that he felt that Buchalter believed him and felt there had been no double-cross upon his part, but he did think that Buchalter would send word down the line to take care of the intermediaries who had double-crossed him and that he, Winchell, was really worried that something might happen to him.

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Winchall also asked that I advise you that he had recently seen United States District Judge Knox, and informed him that he had been told that Lepke was under the impression

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advise you that Mr. [redacted] [redacted]
Judge Knox, and informed [redacted]
under than [redacted] [redacted]

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that Winchell had made statements as to the sentence which he would get and that he, Winchell, assured Judge Knox that neither you nor any other agent of the federal government had made any such statements. He said that the Judge asked that he maintain in confidence the fact that he had visited him, but did give permission to inform you thereof.

Mr. Winchell also stated that during his conversation with Lepke, Lepke had said that a man by the name of Gurnea had told him not to worry, that everything would be all right. Winchell pointed out that this was probably just a soothing statement.

Mr. Winchell did specifically request that I tell you that he was really worried at this time, and I told him that if anything occurred not to hesitate to call this office, and gave him both the office and my home telephone numbers.

Very truly yours,

P. E. FOENORTH
Special Agent in Charge.

1800 Biscayne Building
Miami, Florida
January 17, 1940

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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ON 8/22/84

Dear Sir:

On January 16, 1940, while talking to Mr. Walter Winchell at the Roney Plaza Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, he advised me that some time ago he went to the office of Mr. Thomas M. Dewey, the Special Prosecutor in New York City, and that while he was waiting on Mr. Dewey, a detective on the New York City Police Department, whose name Mr. Winchell did not wish to disclose, approached him and told him that it was somewhat of a joke among the police that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had an Agent with a criminal record working in New York City. He stated he knew this because he had arrested him personally on a charge that was not recalled by Mr. Winchell.

Mr. Winchell advised that this alleged Agent is named Vikins, and that he is assigned to some kind of a Government Project at 14th Street and 8th Avenue, in New York City.

Mr. Winchell had no other information about this matter, and desired that I communicate it to the Bureau. He likewise advised me that he would appreciate knowing whether or not this report is true or false, inasmuch as if it is false, he intends seeing this New York City detective and admonishing him about making remarks of this nature when they are not true.

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Very truly yours,

J. W. VINCENT,
Special Agent in Charge.

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SO & ALSO WRITE WALTER. -H.

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Mr. J. W. Vincent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1300 Biscayne Building
Miami, Florida

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ON 8/22/84

Dear Mr. Vincent:

With reference to your letter dated
January 17, 1940, regarding your conversation
with Walter Winchell, I wish to advise that the
files of the Bureau reflect that no one with
the name of Elkins has ever been employed by
the Bureau.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I
am sending to Mr. Winchell today.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

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Houston, Texas.
January 11, 1940.

Walter Winchell,
Roney-Plaza Hotel,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Winchell:

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I don't know whether you have ever discovered it or not, when you and others are setting up a cry of religious intolerance in connection with the Jewish race, but when you face the actual facts nobody has anything but respect for the good rabbis and the creed of Judaism; what the average American hates is the more than average Jewish layman and his loud mouth and his know-it-all attitude-- his arrogance, in other words. I am sorry to say that you are the epitome of everything that the average American hates about Jews.

The contacts which you have, and from which you get your news, --Mr. Hoover and others-- has seemed to make you feel a little omnipotent, and the way you seek to pal with the American radio audience with your "Mr. and Mrs. America" and "Mr. and Mrs. United States" and your moronic platitudes and so-called editorials, in which you are so smug, e.g. "Over there they, etc.; Over here we, etc", is an emetic to the American public. Likewise your so-called answers to fan mail in which you are invariably the hero, and your taking, or rather abusing, that right to blow your own horn is likewise nauseating.

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You made some self-aggrandizing statement about offering \$100,000 if someone could prove that your real name was something that sounded a little foreign. I can't bet that high, but to the extent of my means I will lay you 100 to 1 that you won't bet 5¢ that you are not a Jew.

While you are lolling in front of your cabana there, and once and a while having someone of importance notice you, don't forget, after all, you are a SHEENIE.

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Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Walter Winchell,
Daily Mirror,
New York, New York.

Dear Walter:

Your broadcast of last night prompts me to address you. The value (if any) of the following information, you can impart to the proper authority.

The brother of Commander Prien of Germany is living in New Jersey and is in constant "huddles" with another German, both of whom were officers in the Germany Army. I am calling this to your attention for the reason that periodical trips are made to Rochester, New York where Prien's financial backer is supposed to reside. I have no definite information that he goes to Rochester, but I can give you the address of both of the above if you desire it.

So that you may be assured that this is not a bit of "crack-pot" information, you may remember me. We met first on the night of January 31, 1935 when I brought Jack Dempsey to Trenton for Governor Hoffman and we talked together at the Hildebrecht Hotel, and you remembered me the following January when we also talked together at the Rooney Plaza Hotel in Miami when you were waiting for Dave Wilentz to arrive.



Mr. Walter Winchell,
Roney-Plaza Hotel,
Miami, Florida.

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Mr. Walter Winchell
New York Mirror
235 East 45th Street
New York, New York

Dear Walter:

With reference to your notation on a letter dated January 11, 1940, at Houston, Texas, and signed [redacted] and on which letter you made a notation requesting that the Houston Office of this Bureau ascertain whether such an individual resides in Houston, you are advised a discreet check failed to disclose the identity of the writer.

With best wishes and kind regards,

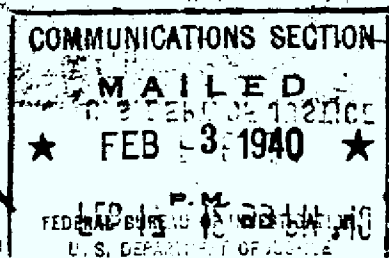
Cordially,

J. Edgar Hoover

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: WALTER WINCHELL
THE RONEY PLAZA
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

YOUR EDITORIAL TONIGHT WAS A MASTERPIECE STOP IT WAS TIME SOMEONE SHOULD
SPEAK OUT AND CLEAR AWAY ALL THE MUCK AND GOO THAT HAS BEEN SPREAD ABOUT
IN BEHALF OF THE PERSONS ARRESTED LAST WEEK STOP YOU DID IT IN A WAY THAT
OUGHT TO MAKE SOME EDITORS FACES RED STOP MORE POWER TO YOU STOP

JOHN

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NEW YORK MIRROR

Daily and Sunday

235 East 45th Street
Murray Hill 2-1000

Jan. 25, 1940

Dear Mr. Hoover

I am forwarding the enclosure at Mr. Winchell's request.

Sincerely

for Walter Winchell

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WALTER WINCHELL

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FOR THE THREE OUTSTANDING AMERICANS I NOMINATE MURPHY
HOOVER WINCHELL STOP. ARE YOU REALLY SINCERE

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Mr. Walter Winchell
New York Mirror
235 East 45th Street
New York, New York

Dear Walter:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 25, 1940, and its enclosures consisting of the following correspondence addressed to you.

Letter dated January 12, 1940, from D. Selig
Margolies, Executive Director of the American
League to Combat Anti-Semitism, Incorporated
Undated copy of Western Union telegram from [redacted]

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Undated letter from [redacted]

Please be assured of my appreciation for your continued cooperation in these matters.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Cordially,

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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February 4, 1940

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Rose Bigman, Secretary to Walter Winchell called at 6:50 P. M. and asked for the Director. She was referred to me by the switchboard. I spoke to her at which time she advised she was anxious to get in touch with the Director. I said I would deliver her message to the Director as soon as it could be done. The above information was given to Mr. Foxworth.

A. Rosen
A. ROSEN

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January 25, 1940

Mr. Walter Stinchell
Roney-Plaza Hotel
Miami Beach, Florida

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Dear Walter:

Mr. J. W. Vincent, the Special Agent
in Charge of the Miami Office, has informed me of
his recent conversation with you, wherein you
related the information which you had received
to the effect that a Special Agent of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation by the name of Elkins
working in New York City had a criminal record.

I thought you would be interested in
knowing that the Bureau presently does not have
any Special Agents on its force by the name of
Elkins and a check of our files fails to reveal
that anyone with the name of Elkins has ever
been employed as a Special Agent. It is entirely
possible, however, that he might be associated
with some other Governmental agency.

I hope you are enjoying that grand
Florida sunshine. During the past few days it
has been so cold in Washington that I somewhat
envy you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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January 31, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to your notation on a copy of the article prepared by Walter Winchell on January 22, 1940, pertaining to the following quotation, "That Frontier tagged Bishop campaigned for members in the N. Y. Police Dep't to join the Silver Shirts a year ago, and one of his letters is now in J. E. Hoover's files", it has not been possible to locate anything from Winchell of approximately one year ago, but there is attached hereto a copy of an inclosure which accompanied an anonymous communication dated January 15, 1940, which may possibly be similar to the communication Mr. Winchell states he forwarded the Bureau. This inclosure is dated Christmas Night, 1938, and signed [REDACTED]

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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Christmas Night, 1938.

Sir:

You may recall my stopping over on a Thursday evening, some months ago, to the 212th Coast Artillery Armory, and at which time I was introduced to you by a mutual Friend of ours [REDACTED] and at which time I talked with you briefly relative to the organization known as The Silver Shirt Legion of America, Inc. b-6

Recently this friend of ours informs me that you are sincerely interested in having formed what is known in The Silver Legion as a Council of Safety, which is the organization's method of giving a series of instruction meetings, some 9 in number in which a Sponsor representing The Silver Legion acts as the Chairman, until the prospective recruits for membership in the Silver Legion have been thoroughly informed of the forces, which are strenuously working to undermine the effectiveness of Our Christian American National Constitution, and in its place trying to instal Communism, which is Jewry in Action.

Now, Sir if you can and are willing to gather around yourself some 12 or more Real Qualified American Christian Gentiles, (emphasizing the word Gentile) fellow Officers and friends of your own command, I would be very pleased to act as a Sponsor for a New Council of Safety.

The length of these Council Meetings are dependent upon the interest of the individual prospective Silver Legion Recruits, and may I respectfully suggest that it would be a very good thought to consider having the first Council Meeting, meet sometime the first week of the coming year.

You can call me at Endicott 2-6050 or write to me at the above address, or if you care to call on me personally at my residence I shall be glad to meet you this coming Wednesday December 28th, say at 7:00 to 7:30 pm, when we could make plans as to the date of the first Council of Safety Meeting.

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Respectfully yours,
[REDACTED] b-6

"Yours for a Revived Christian Americanism"

"Americanism is Christianity in Action"

Which Do You Want?.

"Communism is Judaism in Action"

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January 29, 1940

Mr. Walter Winchell
115 Central Park West
New York, New York

Dear Walter:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 19, 1940, and its enclosure consisting of a letter dated January 15, 1940, signed "Amateur G Man."

You know I sincerely appreciate your interest and courtesy in forwarding this letter to me.

Cordially,

J. Edgar Hoover

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I told [redacted] if he had anything to say about Mr. Hoover, or wanted to complain about any of his actions, FID thought the proper thing for him to do would be to come to me or some other representative of the FBI and tell them. [redacted] said that he had no complaints to make.

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~~PA~~
~~NAME~~
~~REMARKS~~
~~MISS GANDI~~

Director

whatever, and he did not have anything derogatory to say about Mr. Hoover in any respect, other than the fact that he did give scoops to Walter Winchell, which in turn caused him trouble with his newspaper. [redacted] was advised that of course if a newspaper man brought information to the Bureau exclusively with the understanding that he would be given a break if his information developed, that the FBI did have to protect such sources of information, but so far as his general feeling was concerned, I felt the only thing he had to worry about was that Winchell and some of the other columnists got out and worked while he and [redacted] were sitting around complaining that someone else was scooping them.

I asked [redacted] if he had any other complaint of any kind to make, and he said he did not; that he in fact felt that the FBI and its work was deserving of every praise.

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It was pointed out to [redacted] if he followed Winchell's news he would see that most of it could not possibly have originated from anyone in the FBI, and that you did follow the same practice in dealing with Mr. Winchell or any other columnist that you did with other newspapers, which was that the FBI never talked about anything until something had been accomplished.

I asked [redacted] again during the conversation if he had anything else to complain about or if he had said anything else about Mr. Hoover, telling him that I had heard from various sources that he had, and he denied that he had ever made any derogatory remarks whatever, other than expressing a dislike for what he termed Winchell's "in".

I told him that he was just wasting his time trying to make something out of nothing, and I rather felt he hit upon the Walter Winchell idea because that was an explanation of his failure to get anything.

Neither [redacted] nor [redacted] were antagonistic in their manner, nor did either of them make any derogatory remarks during the conversation, other than what they had to say about Walter Winchell.

Very truly yours,

P. E. FOXWORTH

Special Agent in Charge

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March 19, 1940

67-21615-160

Mr. Walter Winchell
New York Daily Mirror
235 East 45th Street
New York City

March 11, 1940

Dear Walter:

In accordance with your desire, I am
returning herewith the letter from [redacted]

I met this young man last year at a
luncheon sponsored by Mr. Macfadden and Fulton
Cursler, at which time [redacted] was awarded a
gold medal for valor and citizenship, and since
that time he has visited the Bureau.

I appreciate very much indeed your
thoughtfulness in letting me see the letter.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

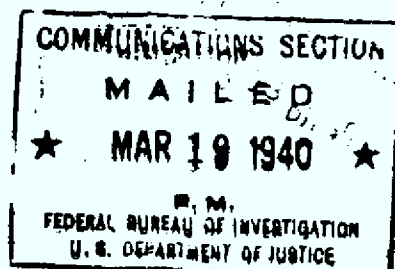
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March 6, 1940

Mr. Walter Winchell
New York Daily Mirror
New York City
New York

Mr. Winchell:

This note is prompted by a sincere desire to thank you for helping a person whom I like call a friend; Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.

It was my good fortune and pleasure to have attended a luncheon at which Mr Hoover was presented a gold medal for being chosen the outstanding police officer of 1939. Mr. Barnarr Macfadden gave this luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel last May 2nd. During lunch Mr Hoover spoke of the FBI, its purposes, construction and of his agents. This little off the record chat was between he and Mr Macfadden, tho I could not help but hearing it. Could Mrs & Mrs America have eavesdropped too they would have no reason to doubt his unchallengable honesty and integrity. His every thought seemed to be on how he could best serve all the people, all the time; could they have visited and been shown thru the FBI headquarters in Washington, as I was, they would know that a vacillating politician could never run such an efficient and highly trained personnel.

Mr Hoovers obvious sincerity and honesty will over come any 'smear campaign' if Mr&Mrs America believe him when he says, "The FBI is not a "I" organization but a "We" organization.. "We, like the crusaders of old, seek to rescue the Chalice of Honor & Decency from the enemies of society, in order that law and order may reign supreme." Communism was never known to advocate this principle, as you have so ably pointed out in your column.

Your efforts in Mr. Hoovers behalf should earn you the gratitude of all true Americans.

Thanking for your attention, I am,

Yours very truly,
[REDACTED]
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March 18, 1940

Mr. Walter Finchell
Roney Plaza Hotel
Miami Beach, Florida

Dear Walter:

I wanted you to see the enclosed copy of a column by General Hugh Johnson which appeared in the Washington Daily News of today.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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235 EAST 45th STREET
MURRAY HILL, N. Y. 10017

March 12, 1940

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Nathan ✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Ladd ✓
Mr. Coffey ✓
Mr. Egan ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
Mr. Harbo ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓
Tour Room ✓
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Mr. Gandy ✓

Dear Mr. Hoover

Will you please return the attached?

sincerely

Rose Bigman
for Walter Winchell

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LAW OFFICES
SIMPSON, BRADY & NOONAN
48 WALL STREET
NEW YORK

March 4, 1940

Mr. Walter Winchell
New York Daily Mirror
235 East 45th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Winchell:

I just want to write a word of congratulations to you upon your splendid broadcast of last evening, especially that portion of it relative to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.

As one who has in the past had extensive dealings with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, I know of my own knowledge that everything you said is the truth. While the F.B.I. never has mollycoddled any of its prisoners, and while it has invariably been successful in apprehending violators of the federal criminal laws coming under its jurisdiction, I never saw any so-called "mussing up" of their prisoners while in the custody of the agents of that Bureau. In this day and age it is comforting for the people of this country to have a man of the ability, experience and integrity of Mr. Hoover at the head of the country's principal law enforcement agency. I also wish to compliment you upon spreading the true information about these matters to your many listeners all over the country.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

(signed) [REDACTED]

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THE POLICE CALL
A NATIONAL POLICE MAGAZINE

100 HUDSON STREET

ROCKENSAK, N. J.

March 4, 1940

Mr. Walter Winchell
Hotel Roney Plaza
Miami Beach, Fla.

Dear Mr. Winchell:

I listened to your most interesting broadcast of
Sunday the 3rd inst. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I was elated at the manner in which
you put over the thought that no dirty political methods
can be successful in attempting to oust an honest police
official who has done and is continuing to endeavor to
do a real police job. My hat is off to J. Edgar Hoover!

I wish there were more like you in this good old
world of ours. Having been a policeman myself
[REDACTED] it surely makes me feel happy to
know that there is at least one stand-up man who
believes in speaking the truth.

May you continue to live long and happy in this
good work!

Sincerely and cordially yours,

(signed) [REDACTED]

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THE HONOR LEGION

15 West 44 Street NEW YORK

March 4, 1940

Mr. Walter Winchell
Daily Mirror
N.Y. City

My dear Winchell:

It sure is a pleasure to read your column today on John Hoover. It is only the last few years that law enforcement has gotten any where. It is men like Hoover and Dewey and a few others that are beginning to make it safe for a person to live and carry on an honest business without fear of Kidnapping, assaults and shake downs. The people of Florida ought to pay Hoover \$1,000 a week. He sure has put the fear of the Lord into them. In that dear old land of the pay off.

A few years ago nothing happened to them only when they knocked each other off for welching, highjacking and cheating. Now it is different they are all riding for the jug. Good luck to you Walter. I had [REDACTED] of it around B-Way. We could not do much with them in the courts so my squad would give them a shellacking when they would catch them after hours.

Best wishes for your good health and Success.

I am Sincerely yours

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BELMONT PLAZA

Lexington Avenue at Forty-Ninth Street
NEW YORK

Mar. 4'40

Dear Mr. Winchell:

Trust you to "come to aid" of those in the right! I think it's wonderful that there is a W.W. to state the facts (which 'most everyone reads!) about the F.B.I. Hoover discussion. Keep it up and show up the wrongdoers.

If ever there was a guy who answered to the description - "when a feller needs a friend" it's you!

Not that Hoover needs defending, but it does one good to show up the evil ones and break down with facts fibs about really great men (prompted of course by jealousy & the like).

Good luck & long life to keep up the good work.

Sincerely

/s/ [REDACTED]

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

Mr. Tolson _____ (4)
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Mr. E. A. Tamm _____ ()
Mr. Clegg _____ ()
Mr. Ladd _____ ()
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Mr. Egan _____ ()
Mr. Glavin _____ ()
Mr. Harbo _____ ()
Mr. Hendon _____ ()
Mr. Lester _____ ()
Mr. McIntire _____ ()
Mr. Nichols _____ ()
Mr. Rosen _____ ()
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____ ()
Mr. Tracy _____ ()
Secretary _____ ()

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The Honor Legion
15 West 44th Street
New York, New York

Dear [REDACTED]

Mr. Walter Winchell has been kind enough to send me a copy of the letter which you addressed to him under date of March 4, 1940, concerning the remarks which he made relative to the recent "sneer" attack on the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I did want you to know how appreciative I am of your kind statements concerning the work of this Bureau.

I thought you may be interested in the attached copy of a news dispatch which appeared in the New York Daily Mirror for March 16, 1940, entitled "Officials Absolve FBI in Spanish War Probe."

With kind regards,

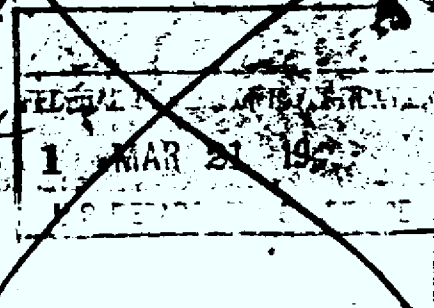
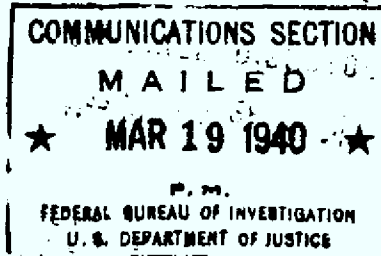
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
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Mr. Tracy _____
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62-31615-16 March 18, 1940

The Police Club
103 Hudson Street
Hackensack, New Jersey

Dear [REDACTED]

Mr. Walter Winchell has advised me of your kind letter to him of March 4, 1940 concerning his remarks relative to the recent "smear" attack upon the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I cannot tell you how appreciative I am of the interest which you have taken in this matter. It seems a shame that this Bureau, the personnel of which has worked so hard over a period of years in handling its work, should be dragged through the mud as a result of communistic and radical propaganda.

I do not know whether you saw the International News Service dispatch which appeared in the New York Daily Mirror for March 16, 1940. I am taking pleasure in enclosing a copy of this article so that you may have it.

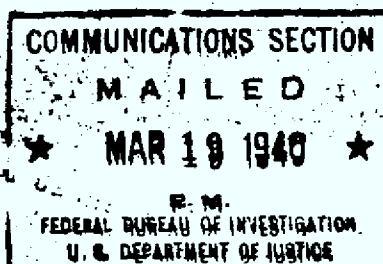
With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. Nathan _____
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Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Coffey _____
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Simpson, Brady & Noonan
48 Wall Street
New York, New York

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Dear [REDACTED]

Mr. Walter Mitchell has been kind enough to send to me for my information a copy of your letter to him of March 4, 1940, concerning recent statements made by Walter relative to the "smear" attack recently with regard to the activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I did want you to know how appreciative I am of your statements concerning the manner in which this Bureau has been operated.

You may not have seen the International News Service dispatch from Detroit which appeared in the New York Daily Mirror for March 18, and I am taking pleasure in enclosing a copy thereof for your information.

Thank you again for the interest which you took in this matter and with kind personal regards,

Mr. E. A. Tamm

Mr. Clegg

Mr. Ladd

Mr. Coffey

Mr. Egan

Mr. Glavin

Mr. Gurnea

Mr. Harbo

Mr. Lester

Mr. Hendon

Mr. Nichols

Mr. Rosen

Mr. Tracy

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Miss Rose Bignon
New York Mirror
235 East 45th Street
New York, New York

Dear Miss Bignon:

I appreciate your kindness in send-
ing to me with your note of March 12, 1940
letters addressed to Walter recently, and I
am returning them to you herewith.

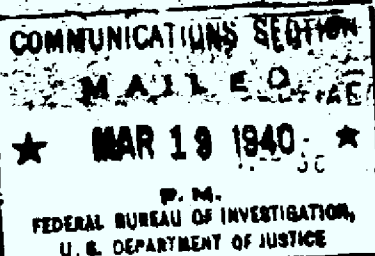
With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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DAILY AND SUNDAY

235 EAST 45th STREET
MURRAY HILL

March 15, 1940

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Mr. Clegg
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Egan
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Lester
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Dear Mr. Hoover

I am forwarding the attached at Mr. Winchell's request.

sincerely

Rose Dignam
for Walter Winchell

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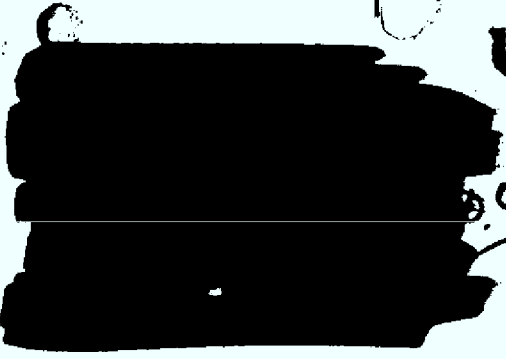
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Wednesday
March 6
1940

Walter Winchell
Columnist Extraordinary
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Walter:

Re: "Man about Town", as of today; last par; FBIde Rumors

Give 'em hell Walter; seems that you're about the only one who either knows what he's talking about or gives a damn about the current malignment of the F.B.I.

I know of course that you don't give a darn whether anyone agrees with you or not, but those anti articles and editorials make me so darn mad I'm taking my pen etc anyhow just to let you know that a whole lot of us are behind you. Once was lucky enough to receive an appointment myself so might be a little prejudiced, but if those wise guys would just make it a point to find out how that outfit is run down there they would be offering orchids instead of libel.

Can't you make it clear that the Bureau is entirely independent of the party in power (no matter which one) and that appointments are made ONLY on a merit basis?

Also did you know that the Bureau of Migratory birds in the U. S. Dept of Agri spends darn near as much in a year as does the FBI? All for what? DUCKS! Check those figures.

John
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Another thing - those boys in the Bureau serve there because they like it, and for a darn small salary too. With their qualifications any of them could step out and get a salary twice as big and do it in a place where the only danger would be the traffic. On duty 24 hrs per day & 7 days a week and this is the thanks they get. Give 'em hell, I say.

And don't quote me.

Yours

(signed) 


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Miss Rose Bigham
c/o Mr. Walter Winchell
New York Mirror
235 East 45th Street
New York City

Dear Miss Bigham:-

I am returning herewith
the letter addressed to Walter on
March 6, 1940, by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] appreciate very
much the opportunity of seeing this
communication.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Glavin _____
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March 27, 1940

Mr. Walter Winchell
115 Central Park West
New York City

Dear Walter:-

Thanks for "smoking out" Litchfield
and Lowenthal. I understand Litchfield is quite
nervous about the matter now that his name has
appeared and I think the statement which you made
will be extremely helpful.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Coffey _____
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Walter Winchel_
N. Y. City

Dear Mr. Winchel_:

I wish to thank you for the kind words
you say regarding J. Edgar Hoover and his G-Men.
We should all feel doubly obligated to them. But
I guess it's as James Whitcomb Riley says:

"I've allus noticed great success
Is mixed with troubles more or less,
An' it's the man who does his best
That gits more blame than all the rest!"

Sincerely,

/s/

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April 13, 1940

Dear Mr. Winchell:

If you were still using your "Oddities In The News", this local oddity in our newspaper that made its appearance Monday, April 8th. in the Louisville Times, might be of more than passing interest to you.

You killed two birds with one column you informed the New York Daily News editorialist he had misinterpreted your close association with G.-Man Edgar Hoover. Inadvertently you were also carrying on a Pro & Con debate with that evil-eyed enemy of yours, Westbrook Pegler.

Both yours and Pegler's columns are Daily Magazine features in the Times, and the pro and con views on the same subject, the same day and in the same section of the paper. Evidently it was just an accidental appearance, but it was such, even though it had been intentionally, could not have been a more apt job of premature debunking.

Whether our Times considers you sincere might be another cause for debate. While all three versions were printed, from your column, (as it appeared in the Sunday Mirror), the Times deleted the following:

"We are sorry because he is punished with criticism because of us, and if anybody can prove that Mr. Hoover is unfit for his job - we'd like nothing better than that scoop."

So from down here the all-Wetbrook Pegler might be interested to know he was getting a double dunking-n-debunking when the "Portrait of a Man Throwing a Typewriter" appeared.

Cordially yours

P.S.- It is evident what National beverage company uses the slogan which also appeared in the church ad from the Courier-Journal and Louisville Times Saturday, Apr. 6.

James Lees Memorial, the Rev. Clyde Foushee, Minister—10:45 a.m. communion, "The Pause That Refreshes", 7:45 p.m. "A Starvation Diet."

To Editor
in
Louisville
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paragraph

Dear Mr. Winchell: It was not until shortly after 1940 made its debut that the Louisville Times inseted a picture or two of the itemed ones to make your column more gracefully looking. So this is the treatment rendered your column of a "Portrait of a Man Throwing a Typewriter"...Evidently artist Edward Finch must visualize you as a gay ole dog, if the ptridges can be used as a barometer.

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JAMES LEES MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN

Frankfort Ave. and William Street

"A Church Made Vital By the Enthusiasm of Youth"

REV. CLYDE FOUSHEE, Minister

10:45—COMMUNION. THE PULSE THAT REFRESHES
3,068 people worshiped in one or all of our Sunday Services during the
month of March. A welcome awaits you.

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WALTER WINCHELL

On Broadway

(Times, Mail, Register, Sun, Herald, Daily Mirror)

Portrait of a Man Throwing a Typewriter

George Jean Nathan once told me that in all his 30 odd years of reviewing shows and actors—he has never made reply to an attack . . . "When you are in the brick-throwing business," he added, "you must expect to get hit by a brick now and then" . . . Another counseled: "Never get indignant. People who get indignant always look funny."



I've wasted several pieces of paper trying to say what I think of a critic who has popped me four times—never mentioning my name. . . . But I can't get hopped up about it . . . I don't feel mad . . . And when a columnist doesn't sock back he is accused of meekness . . . Or of yellowing . . . Maybe now that I've turned 43 I have acquired some wisdom . . . I wish I could get my dander up instead . . . I remember the time not so long ago that I got my best exercise and recreation throwing typewriters at punks who threw them at me . . . Heywood Brown's best stuff seemed to be the pieces he did in haste when he was burned up about something . . . But for the life of me I can't get excited . . . The critic has squawked about me four times, but always with the same exclamation marks . . . When I read his latest communique all I found myself saying was: "This is where I came in!"

He Is Angry with G-Man Hoover—for a personal reason . . . He always growls about newspaper ethics, blah, blah—but reserves the right for himself to use his column and outlets to punish people he doesn't like . . . About three years ago, maybe longer, he visited the G-man in Washington . . . He hoped Hoover could arrange it for him (and no other reporter!) to get into Alcatraz Prison . . . He wanted to do an exclusive series on it . . . Mr. Hoover was sorry, but he couldn't oblige him . . . "That's not my department," said John Edgar, "that has to be arranged by the Attorney General's office or the Prison Board" . . . "The hell with that stuff," implied our paragon of virtue and integrity, "you fix it up for me and I'll play ball with you".

He Denounces my brand of reporting, which almost every newspaper in the Nation has purchased or ordered copied . . . My stuff is inaccurate, he says, uncouth, no good . . . Well, that's no exclusive scoop of his. I know many people who agree—and have already said so . . . On the other hand, there happen to be some newspaper people who think I'll do . . . Capt. Patterson is one. Cap works on the paper across the way. His editorial page has testified that I'm a newspaperman and that's all the rating I expect . . . Neil MacNeil is one of the editors over at the N. Y. Times. His new book on journalism, "Without Fear Or Favor," admits me into the newspaper heaven—with this malarkey: "Winchell . . . still sets the pace. It is a poor town that cannot boast of its own little Winchell. Even the colleges and schools have them . . . Few of them have Winchell's talent and almost none his

ethics" . . . His book's code of ethics" . . . We reprint Mr. MacNeil's stuff just to make a bum out of the book that ball legions of newspapermen are opposed to me . . . I know this attack was an exaggeration, but when I looked at the latest lot of papers from the syndicate,

He Poses as the latest of journalists, who is never in error. He never blunders . . . He, if you please, is the healthy example of new journalism, by gum . . . Well, he's not that pretty . . . His argument that newspapermen should never accept free drinks from cafe owners clashes with the facts . . . He accepts them—often did . . . Fight and racing tickets, too . . . Most chisellers wouldn't think of paying their way in—unless they had to . . . Drama and movie critics are others who accept free tickets and then usually show their appreciation by panning the show. It's "tradition," I guess . . . It is also the softest racket of all . . . Get on a newspaper—and night clubs beg you to keep your coin in the bank. You can't hurt them—but they imagine whatever the cost—it's a cheap way of buying off your whole paper . . . And so when this bird raps people (who permit joints to swap free drinks for free mentions) he should add that on a certain Saturday night in a B'way spot (the jammed night of the week, yet) he forgot his high morals and ethics and let the joint pick up his check.

A Few Years Ago he was privileged to enter the gambling casino of a night club where he dropped a few dollars . . . He evened matters a few columns later by demanding that the place be closed . . . He panned it bitterly . . . A louse in the blouse of journalism if ever there was one—and his misstatements of fact would bore you stiff . . . When some of us who do news columns blunder and the blunder is harmful—and we are asked to correct it—we oblige . . . This bird has never played that fair with his victims . . . When he carelessly accuses G-Man Hoover of grandstanding at the Hauptmann trial—he doesn't correct it by saying that he was in error—and that Hoover was never there—but that Mr. Irey's Federal men testified regarding the ransom coin . . . And I'm a bum reporter.

Not Many Years Ago this mugg had a dear pal who was being shaken down by a Broadway heel . . . What to do? . . . Everything looked sour . . . "Let's ask Winchell," said my critic, "he might know something about this blackmailer and help us trap him" . . . Sure enough—Winchell had a complete file on the bum . . . I turned it over to the victim . . . The sum involved in the trumped-up lawsuit was \$75,000 . . . When the no-good was confronted with the Winchell low-down—he dropped the suit and fled . . . Said my critic's parent: "My son is terribly grateful to you. Thanks—we'll never forget it!" . . . And how do you think I was paid off? . . . He published a book of his stuff and omitted a story on my column . . . It was a funny burlesk, too . . . But he felt that it wasn't fair to make fun of me after I had been such a "regular guy," etc. . . . So what happened? . . . Well, every book critic in the town said: "But where's that delightful piece on Winchell? That was the best one—better than the travesties on Bribery and McIntyre!" . . . In short, you see—this exponent of grock journalism, who also charged John Edgar Hoover with log-rolling and scratching my back—is a feeble-legged journalistic ethics to see to it—that if I join Heywood Brown before he does—he is ejected from my funeral.

Walter Winchell On Broadway

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Mood

You are not with me now to share the scent
That April blows along the streets of night...
Rich was our madness... ere we found it spent...
Wise were our vows till wisdom proved them trite.
You are not with me now to watch the moon
Weave silver shadows on the eerie street,
And I am sad—for Spring will leave us soon
Much as you left one day—my very sweet;
And yet I trust that April finds you gay...
Finds you enamoured now of someone new,
Twisting your lines to suit a newer play—
Twisting a heart the way you used to do...
You are not with me now... nor will you be...
And terror strikes and has its way with me!

—Don Wahn

Old, But Wonderful

This one made the rounds about 200 years ago. Frederick William of Prussia got Adolf's ideas and first covetous eyes at the lowlands. One day, at a military function (to which he invited representatives of the foreign nations) he decided to shock the assemblage by parading his special guard of superbly trained men. All were skyscrapers, measuring 6½ feet high.

He stood next to the Dutch ambassador, who kept muttering: "Not tall enough, not tall enough."

"You're nuts!" said Germany's Fred'k William, "these troops are the tallest in the world—all are 6½ feet and many are 7 feet!"

The Netherlands official smiled and said: "You don't understand. You see, your Majesty, we can flood our country to a depth of eight feet."

Oop!

A Britisher who was called to the colors went to see the officials about it. "I thought you should know," he explained, "that I wouldn't be much good as a soldier. One of my legs is shorter than the other."

"Don't let that bother you," consoled the officer, "the ground in France is very uneven!"

Deah, Deah!

Then there's the one from London about the British Major who just returned from the Maginot Line on furlough. He was in his veddy exclusive kieb.

"Majah," he was asked, "how do you like the war?"

"Dreadful," was the bored reply, "such noise! And—such people!"

Cute Stuff

Douglas Williams, who is at G.H.Q. in France for the London Telegraph, writes us that in the last war the British soldiers sealed their letters home with the initials S.W.A.K. (Sealed with a kiss). In this war, SWAK has become BOL-TOP—the abbreviation for "Better On Lips Than On Paper."

Things to Come

The prison guard looked at Hitler out of the corner of his eye and watched the Ratri leader rub his chained wrists. "Well, Adolf," said the guard, "this was unexpected, yah?"

"Ach, yah," said Hitler, "but wait. Stalin will rescue me."

"Maybe," reminded the guard, "but it's gonna be a heluva swim from St. Helena!"

Heheheh

Two stallions were grazing idly one day when a beautiful high-spirited filly trotted by. "Get a load of her," said the first stallion, "what's she so uppity about?" "Why, haven't you heard?" said stallion No. 2, "she's a very close friend of Seabiscuit. I hear he just gave her 250,000 bales of hay—and THAT ain't money!"

In Case You Didden Know

Fay Bainter, the actress, and her husband, Lt. Commander Reginald Venable, retired, were reminiscing on the "Our Town" set. Love for her almost cost Venable his job in the U. S. Navy. When he was courting Fay in 1919 he took his destroyer a day and a half out to

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sea to meet the liner bringing her home from abroad. The naval brass hats court-martialed him, but Sec'y of the Navy Daniels saved Venable's neck.

Said Daniels: "Thank God romance isn't dead in the navy." So Venable was reduced only five numbers.

Gosh, Yes!

A guy went up to the \$50 window at Tropical Park and bought ten of them for \$500. As he was looking them over a \$2 better came up and asked him: "Where's the \$2 window, buddy?"

The disturbed plunger angrily answered: "I don't know, leave me alone!"

"Well," replied the \$2 better, "just hang around this window, brother, and you'll find out!"

By Way of Report

A recent melodrama which was coldly received by all the critics, including The Mirror's columnist, advertised a quotation from it—after editing. It was aimed to mislead the playgoers. The ad said: "The play that left Winchell cold! Think of what it will do to you!" We stopped it next day.

Richard Maney, the talented press agent, once evened matters with critic Robert Benchley in a similar fashion. The play was "The Squall" and Maney's ads read: "See 'The Squall'—the show that made a street-walker out of Robert Benchley!"

Picturesque Reporting

Bugs Baer's description of why the late Senator Borah lost arguments in Congress: "Anytime they count heads, the sheep can outvote the faithful old shepherd dog" . . . The late Clarence Darrow's answer to a woman who gushed her thanks for his aid in solving her trouble with the law. She asked: "How can I ever show my appreciation?" . . . Darrow replied: "My dear woman—ever since the Phoenixians invented money, no one has ever bothered with that question."

The Morning Mail

Belle Gurney of Santa Monica, Cal., writes in praise of the G-Men: "I wish to thank you for the kind words you say regarding J. Edgar Hoover and his G-Men. We should all feel doubly obligated to them—but I guess it is as James Whitcomb Riley says:

I've always noticed great success—
Is mixed with troubles more or less,
As 't's the man who does his best
That gets more blame than all the rest!"

Gag

Monte Proser, the Beachcomber boss, tells about the railroad official who decided to mingle with the workers. When he came to the switch system he was puzzled. "What would you do," he asked a track man, "if an eastbound express were to come through?"

"I'd throw the switch this way," he explained.

"And if a westbound?"

"Then, I'd switch it that way!"

"Suppose," said the official, "the switches got stuck—what then?"

"I'd flag the trains."

"Suppose they didn't see you?"

"Oh, then I'd phone my girl."

"Why would you phone her?"

"To tell her to hurry down—if she wanted to see the gahdamndest wreck she ever saw!"

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Mr. Walter Winchell
New York Mirror
235 East 45th Street
New York, New York

Dear Walter:

I appreciated so much your thoughtfulness
in sending me the letters which you had received
from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

I have taken the liberty of writing [REDACTED]
and the thought has occurred that you
might like to have her letter and [REDACTED]
letter for your files, both of which are
returned herewith.

The sermon title set forth in [REDACTED]
letter is quite interesting and some day I am
inclined to think that a lot of our clergy
who have been misled by the Communists' pratings
on social justice will be awakened to the error
of their ways.

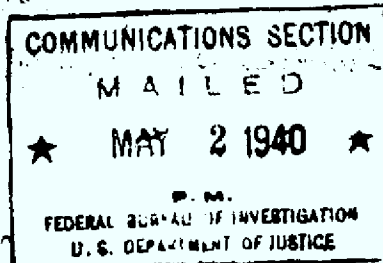
With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

With reference to our conversation of today, I am attaching hereto a copy of Walter Finchell's column which appeared in the New York Daily Mirror on April 11, 1940, in which he answers certain statements made in a column by Mr. Westbrook Pegler.

Respectfully

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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235 EAST 45TH STREET
MURRAY HILL

April 19, 1940

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Dear John

I just left Captain Patterson of the Daily News. I told him that I thought I ought to let him know about the incident in Washington. Captain Patterson said he was already acquainted with the facts. I made it clear to him that nobody for a moment thought the Daily News knew of their representative's doings. The Captain told me that as soon as he heard of it, the man was removed from Washington.

I also made it clear to Captain Patterson that I had persuaded you to allow me to talk to him about it because I felt that he did not know about it.

Captain Patterson told me that he was among the many who thrilled about the work of the F. B. I. in ridding the nation of kidnappers. He said if anything happened to his children, the G-Men would be the first he'd contact.

He said he was just as opposed to the Mann Act and the enforcement of it as he was in 1911 when he wrote editorials in Chicago against the proposed legislation.

The Captain also said that he didn't see why any man in the public eye should be sensitive about criticism---the same criticism that is given to the President, the Mayor of New York, down to the cops. In short, John, the Daily News respects you and your men, but detests the Mann Act and the enforcement of it.

I felt better having seen Captain Patterson, even though the information was already known to him. The actions of an unscrupulous reporter or G-Man should not be blamed on his chief.

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Walter
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Walter Winchell

P. S. I just recalled that I told Captain that you didn't want me to discuss this matter with him, for fear that he might misconstrue the motive and imagine you were trying to influence him. The Captain replied he was sorry it happened, but that whatever you wanted to do about it was all right with him. I am sending Captain a copy of this letter, John, to make sure that I have not misquoted him.

W.W.

c. to Captain J. M. Patterson

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April 24, 1940

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

With reference to the Walter Winchell matter,
I am attaching hereto a copy of a letter which Mr. Winchell
wrote me under date of April 19th, and which refers to a
conversation which he had with Captain Patterson.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Dear Walter:

Sorry to be so tardy in writing you, but have been so swamped with work and travel in past weeks that I have been unable to keep up with correspondence. In the past few weeks have been from New York to Hollywood to Bangor, Maine, back to Chicago and am now in Washington. Think from these highlights you can gather what I have been up against.

While in New York gave Rose an item on the Gilbert suit, in which he is being sued for \$50,000 for beating up the other half of his love nest.

Now as to the other stuff

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First of all, our "White Camelia" George E. Deatherage had sued the Sat. Eve. Post for libel as result of an article by Stanley High entitled "Star Spangled Fascists". Deatherage MAY 17 1940 he is no fascist, that he does not advocate violent overthrow of the government, that he is not anti-racial, anti-Semite, etc. His suit was scheduled to open Monday (April 22nd) in the Federal Court of Charleston, W. Va.

The Post attorneys had piled up a case of evidence that would have split his head wide open. They would have proved every count. In the face of this overwhelming evidence, Deatherage by last night had dropped every count but one. It now appears he may even drop this one, in which he contends that High "inferred" he, Deatherage would be the person to institute certain pogroms in America.

You can put it down as a smashing victory over one of our most notorious little fuehrers.

King Kuhn still has his libel case against Warner Brothers. It may come up next month. Can tell you very confidentially that if the Bund lets this case come to trial, there will be sensational revelations. Think it is safe to predict that the Bund is going to take an awful beating in this case, if it goes to court.

A third libel case of interest is that of the Bund against the Newark Ledger, which is due to come up for trial in Newton, N. J. on April 29th. Can tell you more about this case in a few days, but think now that the Ledger will be able to prove its case.

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You may recall that testimony before the Dies Committee a year ago revealed that the foremost Italian Fascist propaganda agency in the United States is the Dante Alighieri Society of New York. It is the agency which each year send little American boys to Italy to have them trained there in fascist camps. They come back to America in black shirt uniforms. This is also the agency which spreads literally tons of fascist propaganda throughout the United States, particularly among the Italian-American element. This society is openly to "further Italian ideals" in our country.

Sleepy editors in Chicago failed to note recently an item of importance which they printed. This item revealed that the Dante group is now handing out "honorary memberships" to some of Chicago's foremost socialites, including Potter Palmer. The editors have not yet been tipped off to the big story behind the little one which they printed.

You may recall when we were in Miami in December, 1938, and at the time I told you of the growing menace of the Klan; that the country would hear a good deal about the new Klan within a year thereafter. The terrorism incidents which I predicted at that time have come true in Florida, Carolinas, Georgia, as you have read in the papers across past months and recent weeks.

Can tell you the Klan has launched new membership drives on the Pacific Coast, particularly in Los Angeles. A drive also has been started in Omaha. When speaking there recently before the Ad-S League, exposed this Omaha drive, with the result that I received a number of threats of flogging, etc. Officers of the league put me under police protection all night; in fact, had the police take me to Council Bluffs, Ia., to board a train for Chicago in order to avoid possible Klan outbreak at Omaha railroad station.

Suggest you advise John Edgar to keep a sharp eye on the Italian Fascist movements in our country. It appears they are taking advantage of the neutrality cloak, under which they are carrying extensive operations. If Italy swings into the European brawl on the Nazi side, we are going to have a problem on our hands with this movement.

Incidentally, everywhere I have talked I have defended John Edgar as you have, against the recent attacks.

You may be interested in knowing that I shall speak at the Common in Boston to offset the Communist celebration at same place and at the same time.

A gathering of 30,000 war veterans, etc., expected to hear the address.