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SUBJECT: JACK DEMPSEY

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

October 21, 1935.

Mr. Tamm says he has heard that Jack Dempsey is to be in town next week in connection with the advertisement of a candy he is placing on the market.

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Mr. Nathan .....
Mr. Tolson .....
Mr. Baughman .....
Chief Clerk .....
Mr. Clegg .....
Mr. Coffey .....
Mr. Edwards .....
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January 19, 1939

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Mr. Jack Dempsey
Dempsey's Restaurant
Fiftieth Street, Corner
of Eighth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Jack:

Mr. Dwight Brantley, Special Agent in Charge of this Bureau's New York City Field Division, has informed me of his recent conversation with you, and he conveyed to Assistant Director Clyde Tolson and me your kind regards.

I do want you to know how much I appreciate your constant support of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as well as the offer of cooperation which you so thoughtfully extended to Mr. Brantley.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Crowl
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
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New York City, N. Y.
January 12, 1939

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Crowl
Mr. Tracy

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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ON 1-27-98
(387239)

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On January 10, 1939, I had occasion to meet Jack Dempsey, ex-pugilist, and now residing in New York City. My conversation with Dempsey was extended. He spoke of knowing you and Mr. Tolson and is a great admirer of yours and expressed to me a very deep interest in the work that you are doing. He wished me to remember him to you and stated that if there is anything that he can do for you or any member of the Bureau he is always glad to do it.

Sincerely,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JAN 21 1939
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Let to Dempsey
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TESTIMONIAL DINNER TO JACK DEMPSEY

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SUITE 904
145 WEST 45TH ST.
BRYANT 9-9820

March 28th, 1939

Messrs. Clyde Tilson & J. Edgar Hoover
F. I. B.
Washington, D.C.,

Dear Sirs:

I am sure you will want to attend the Testimonial Dinner to Jack Dempsey in the Waldorf, here on Sunday evening, April 9th. Jack would like very much to have you there.

Not only will this be a great dinner and entertainment, but the proceeds will go to a fund to establish beds in the Los Angeles Sanatorium for members of the fight profession and other sports. This is the biggest and the best sanatorium in the United States for the treatment and cure of tuberculosis and is absolutely free and non-sectarian.

We want a good showing by those in the sports game, so make it a point to attend this dinner. There will be many attractive features, but there will be no solicitation of funds or anything like that.

If you can use only one ticket it will help considerably. If you can use more than one, it will be better of course.

We want the sports folks well represented so help along the cause by trying to get some of your friends to attend also.

Let me hear from you as soon as you can, so that I can see that you get a good location. You don't have to wear a tux unless you want to.

Yours in sport,

Ned Brown

Proceeds to the Los Angeles Tuberculosis Sanatorium

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WALDORF-ASTORIA HOTEL - SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH

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Jack Dempsey Testimonial Dinner Proceeds Will Aid Los Angeles Sanatorium

Jack Dempsey, still the "Champ" to millions of Americans, and the idol of sports-loving New Yorkers, will be feted by his friends and admirers at a dinner to be held Easter Sunday evening in the Waldorf-Astoria.

The entire proceeds of the affair will go to the New York unit of the Los Angeles Sanatorium for tuberculous patients.

The coming event, to fulfill a double mission, help the unfortunate victims of the white plague and pay tribute to a popular sports figure, is today the talk of Broadway circles and whenever good fellows get together.

Among Sponsors

Honorary sponors include Postmaster General James A. Farley, Governor Herbert H. Lehman, Hon. Gulbert L. Olson and U. S. Senator Robert F. Wagner. Honorary chairmen include Lieutenant Governor Charles Poletti and Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia. The honorary vice chairman is Judge J. Sidney Bernstein.

The chairman, George Meany, is aided by an honorary committee consisting of [illegible]

Dottie Ackerman, Simon Adler, Jacob Aarons, Hon. Andrew Armstrong, Adolph [illegible] Peter Baker, William Bendix, Herman A. Bergen, William Bernstein, Abe Blum, Hon. William Harman Black, Henry Blum, Hon. Jeanette G. Brill, Ned Brown, Gene Buck, Hon. Martin Byrne, Marc Connelly, Al Cooke, Hon. Howard Cullman, Hon. William A. Carrigan, Hon. Davis, John J. Daly, Hon. Maurice F. Delaney, Hon. Kenneth Dayton, Hon. James A. Deering, Arthur Driscoll, Don Dunphy, Leon Erlanger, Joseph S. Fay, Hon. Baldwin M. Fertig, Samuel W. Field, Morris Finestone, Dick Fishell, Donald Flamm, Al Fleischl, Hubert J. Fugazy, Charles Gardner and Hon. Edwin L. Garvin.

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Also Hon. William Lyons, Hon. Austin H. MacCormick, Hon. Jeremiah T. Mahoney, Edward Mandel, Hon. James P. Mangano, Charles Manol, Fred Margareten, Samuel Markewich, Hon. Marcel Martino, Aubrey Rogers Mayes, Alfred J. McCosker, Hon. James E. McDonald, Hon. John J. McElligott, Bid Mercer, Clyde W. Miller, Herman Morgen, Hon. Paul Moss, Thomas J. Murray, Isidore Nigier, Louis Niser, Mort H. Noyik, Hon. John P. Nugent, Hon. Charles A. Oberwager, Dennis O'Brien, Hon. William O'Dwyer, Charles L. Ornstein, Meyer Paley, Dan Parker, Jack Pearl, Elias D. Perivolas, George Perry, John J. Phelan, Lillian L. Poses, A. J. Powers, Hon. Hugh Quinn, James C. Quinn, Edward Rafferty, Vincent Richards, Harry Richman and Gustavus A. Rogers.

Also Saul E. Rogers, Billy Rose, Jacob Rosenberg, Hol A. Rosenblatt, Victor Rotundo, George E. Ruppert, P. H. Sattenspiel, Isidore Scharfman, Hon. Frederick Schick, Emil Schlesinger, Albert E. Schwartz, Samuel Schwartz, Hon. Joseph X. Sharkey, Edmund Shea, Louis Shaskin, Samuel Shore, Dan Siegel, Hon. Bryce Smith, David Snider, Jack Solomon, William Solomon, Hon. Murray W. Stand, Hendrick Stephens, Henry Root Stern, Max D. Steuer, Hon. Robert K. Straus, Hon. Saul S. Streit, Horace G. Stoneham, Hon. Charles E. Sullivan, Hon. Frank X. Sullivan, John B. Swinney, Billy Taub, Sol Tendler, Rudy Vallee, Mal Warman, Edward V. Wall, Jack Weber, Ralph White, [illegible] Whitney, John Wilson and Matthew Woll.

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July 6, 1939

Mr. Jack Dempsey
Polyclinic Hospital
New York, New York

Dear Jack:

I have just returned to Washington after traveling several days, and I did want you to know how alarmed I was at the first newspaper account of your illness. However, it is a source of real consolation to now learn that you are well on the way to recovery.

I do hope you will exercise every precaution in order that your complete convalescence might not be impeded.

With best wishes and kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. Nathan
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
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1619 Broadway
(Room No. 504)
New York,N.Y.

September 25, 1947

Mr. J.Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.Office
Washington,D.C.

Dear Edgar:

I am asked to lend my name to a project in Las Vegas, Nevada, now being promoted by [redacted] b7c

For my own satisfaction, I should like to be informed confidentially if you know anything about him. He is supposed to have promoted the [redacted] and the [redacted]

His proposition looks good if Mr. [redacted] is on the level. Any information you can give me will be held strictly confidential and the source of it will not be disclosed. b7c

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Jack Dempsey

Jack Dempsey
Room 504
1619 Broadway
New York,N.Y.

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Miss Gandy

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. A. TAMM

DATE: September 25, 1947

FROM : A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: [redacted] b7C
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
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Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
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Miss Beahm
Miss Gandy

With reference to the attached letter from Jack Dempsey, dated September 25, 1947, the Bureau files were searched for information on [redacted] It is noted that Dempsey merely furnished [redacted] name with no descriptive data. Therefore, it is not possible to definitely identify him with information in the Bureau files. There was no reference to [redacted] However, one [redacted] who was 24 years of age o[redacted] b7C [redacted], was arrested by the Baltimore Police Department on March 12, 1918 for selling whisky to a soldier. It was ascertained that this individual was delinquent in his draft status and a detainer was filed for his appearance before the draft board. No disposition was given for the arrest and no identifying data is available. It is noted that this information is contained in a report by [redacted] dated March 12, 1918, at Baltimore, Maryland.

The only other reference which might be pertinent was concerning one [redacted]. This individual came to the Bureau's attention in the investigation of a pending case entitled "Unknown Subjects, Valley National Bank of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona, January 31, 1947, Bank Robbery." He was eliminated as a suspect in the bank robbery. This individual resided at [redacted] b7C Reno, Nevada and was employed as [redacted] n February, 1947. [redacted] as considered a suspect in this investigation due to the fact that he and another individual named [redacted] had placed an automobile in a garage in Phoenix, Arizona for repairs and it was alleged by garage employees that they resembled published descriptions of the bank robbers.

The old German file regarding [redacted] was unavailable for review. However, information from the file was furnished by Miss [redacted] in the Identification Division. b7C

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September 26, 1947

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Mr. Jack Dempsey
Room 504
1619 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Jack:

Upon receiving your letter of September 25, 1947, I carefully reviewed the Bureau's file and desired to advise you as to whether it contained information that may further help to ascertain whether can be identified with the man concerning whom you inquired. Since there appears to be no record in the Bureau concerning him, it means that the Bureau has never conducted any investigation of him. While this in itself is not conclusive evidence that he other, I think you will be able in the light of this fact to better evaluate your own course of action.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. Quinn Tamm
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Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

65 OCT 16 1947

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI

DATE: 8/19/53

FROM: SAC, Salt Lake City [redacted] b2 b7D

SUBJECT: JACK DEMPSEY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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b2, b7D

For the information of the Bureau [redacted] has advised that when JACK DEMPSEY recently visited Reno, Nevada, he stayed at the Goldon Hotel. As the Bureau is aware, this hotel has been owned for a number of years by [redacted] b7C who, according to the informant, and according to common knowledge in Reno, is an old time friend of DEMPSEY. The informant also is an old time friend of DEMPSEY.

The informant claims that while DEMPSEY was staying at the hotel [redacted] b7C who is [redacted] of the establishment, made a chorus girl available for DEMPSEY's pleasure. According to the informant, DEMPSEY paid her generously. The informant claims that DEMPSEY himself told the informant that the chorus girl was made available, and since it is not known how general this information is around the hotel, it is requested that the informant's identity be protected.

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE 6/9/58

FROM : G. A. Nease

SUBJECT:

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Stanley Tracy called today and stated that he had just gotten back from Utah today and while in Utah he had a conference with David O. McKay, president of the Mormon Church. He stated McKay is 100% behind the Bureau and is as great a Bureau supporter today as he has been in the past.

As he went to McKay's office he met Jack Dempsey who was just coming out and Dempsey asked him to be sure and convey his very best regards to the Director.

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Gambling Burdens Poor

Jack Dempsey, aging and rich beyond even his own dreams, has somehow been persuaded to do a good turn for the poor kids of Miami.

Dempsey is fronting for a sheme which would limit Florida licenses to four clubs. Each club would pay $15.000,000 over a period of years to underwrite $60,000,000 needed for schools and roads.

Dean Alfange, no less, is the lawyer of record in the appeal of Dempsey and Jack Amiel to the Dade County Board of Commissioners. Said Alfange:

"The public interest is protected by limiting prospective applicants for gambling licenses to four. This will prevent a situation like Nevada where hundreds of licenses are issued."

ALFANGE thereby wins the 1958-59 award for distinguished non sequiters uttered in the interest of making a buck.

What difference does it make whether there are four licenses or 400 issued? If only four are granted I have the utmost confidence in the four lucky recipients. They will somehow make their places large enough to handle whatever custom is available.

Alfange suggests that the presence of only four gambling halls will somehow reduce the opportunity for local residents to go broke. It won't.

If Florida wants legalized gambling that is obviously a matter for Floridians to decide. But they should be made completely aware of the hazards (commonly ignored) as well as the rewards (reduced taxes, maybe).

Gambling in Nevada has made many men rich. It has reduced their tax problem to the virtual minimum. But anybody who knows Las Vegas or Reno must agree that gambling has done little or no good for poorer folks.

Alfange further stated in his plea, applicants will be given a real FBI-type check. Hoodlums and other undesirables won't stand a chance.

That's no non sequiter. It's bunk.

YOU MAY ASSUME that the Dade County politicians with the power to grant these priceless licenses will hand them out to the most deserving applicants. You may assume it. But you shouldn't.

And, if by some miracle, there is no element of graft in the granting of licenses, there are these two facts that make it a lead pipe cinch (to coin a phrase) that the hoods will control the business.

Fact one: this FBI-type check will never uncover hidden ownership. There will be respectable fronts galore, like former heavyweight champs who are deeply beloved and respected by the people.

Fact number two: Nobody in America knows how to run gambling joints but hoodlums. A gambling dive is an unbelievably intricate operation. It takes experience to operate one. Hoodlums have a corner on this experience, inasmuch as only they have run such places for generations.

ASPHALT OR fact number two: is the matter of finances. Nobody, but nobody in America has the cash resources except the Mafia or Cosa Nostra. That's how places except theirs. That banks have such money. The insurance companies have it too. But they won't go into crap-type gambling.

It's not a moral distaste. It is the fact, pure and simple, that banks and insurance companies don't have the know-how essential to success.

This thing in Miami is not incident to the growing movement to legalize gambling on the grounds it will reduce taxes. Idaho voted on such a matter. Our own Mayor has brought it up.

I don't care whether we have legalized gambling or not. But if we have it, let's not be stampeded into it by deluded fronts or duped elected leaders. Let's be told the facts. Let's know the deserving rich and the added burden it will be to our hard-assed poor.

JACK DEMPSEY
Good turn for kids.

ALFANGE
Four can't hurt.

Bill Slocum EVERYWHERE

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April 7, 1966

BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

Reference is made to the name check request from Mrs. [redacted] concerning individuals who are to attend a dinner on April 27, 1966.

The central files of the FBI were checked and found to contain no pertinent derogatory information concerning the following individuals in this name check request:

[redacted]

The files of the Identification Division of the FBI were also checked and no arrest data was located concerning the above named individuals.

Enclosures (9)

1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosures (9) - sent direct
1 - Mr. Gale - Enclosures (9)
1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosures (9)

NOTE: Per request of [redacted] White House Staff.

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Honorable Marvin Watson

Attached are separate memoranda on each of the following individuals who were also included in this name check request:

[redacted]

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dempsey

[redacted]

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (9)

April 7, 1966

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM HARRISON DEMPSEY
also known as MR. AND MRS. JACK DEMPSEY

Summary DC.

William Harrison Dempsey, also known as Jack Dempsey, and his manager, Jack Kearns, were investigated in 1920 for evading the draft and conspiracy. An indictment was obtained against Dempsey individually for evasion of the draft and against Kearns and Dempsey jointly for conspiracy to effect an evasion of the draft. Dempsey reportedly was claiming his ex-wife, his mother, father and sisters as being dependent on him. The case against Dempsey individually came up for trial on June 8th and was concluded on June 15, 1920, with a verdict of acquittal. Following the acquittal of Dempsey, the indictment against Kearns and Dempsey jointly was dismissed. (25-4506)

FBI files contain no additional pertinent information relative to Jack Dempsey. There is no information in FBI files relative to Mrs. Jack Dempsey.

The fingerprint files of the FBI Identification Division contain no arrest data identifiable with captioned individuals based upon the background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

NOTE: Per request of Mrs. [redacted] White House Staff. b7D

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Phoenix, Arizona

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
FILE No. _____

April 30, 1952

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, FBI
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL
CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Upon leaving Salt Lake City en route to Phoenix, I met Jack Dempsey at the Salt Lake City Airport. I had previously met him in 1936 in New York City while on my way to Europe.

Dempsey asked me to sit with him on the plane, and proceeded to relate the efforts of one HELEN CESSNA of Dayton, Ohio, to interest him in some Florida property. He had inquiry made concerning this woman, who was described to him as an impostor. A separate memorandum is being submitted incorporating details furnished by Dempsey.

Dempsey spoke of knowing you and Mr. Tolson, and was very complimentary in his remarks about the Bureau. At one point he stated in effect, "Mr. Hoover is the outstanding American of today." I thanked him for his comments.

In general conversation, Dempsey expressed great concern over the peddling of narcotics to youngsters, although he was aware of the Bureau's lack of jurisdiction in such matters.

In discussing the many groups and varieties of persons with whom Dempsey has come in contact over the years, including underworld characters who have followed the boxing game, Dempsey volunteered to be of assistance to the Bureau, stating- "You know, I could do you fellows some good." He went on to explain that he has entree in many circles, and that by this means he could undoubtedly secure information of value.

Dempsey would want to be contacted only by one man and on a strictly confidential and discreet basis. I assured him that this could be done.

See Bureau File 100-7801-2138, p. 96 first

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JUN 3 1952

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Laughlin
Mr. Mohr
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

Under existing conditions, in addition to my transfer from the plane at Las Vegas, Nevada, it was not possible for me to probe into Dempsey's specific potential for assisting the Bureau. You are, of course, cognizant of his numerous contacts in all walks of life and throughout the country.

In the event that there are no reasons which would make contact with Dempsey undesirable, it is suggested that a specially-selected agent be designated to contact him, and that when deemed appropriate, Dempsey be given several assignments to determine his willingness and ability to produce.

Dempsey was en route to Los Angeles to visit his two daughters who are in school, and stated that thereafter he was returning to New York City. While he travels considerably, officiating at wrestling matches among other things, it is believed the appropriate place to contact him would be in New York City.

No specific commitment was made for Dempsey to be contacted, but the situation was left such that he may or may not be contacted according to the Bureau's desires.

Very truly yours

William G. Simon

WILLIAM G. SIMON
Inspector

SAC, New York

May 25, 1952

Director, FBI

JACK DEMPSEY
SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACT

For the information of the New York Office, Inspector William G. Simon, while traveling en route from Salt Lake City, Utah, to Phoenix, Arizona, recently met Jack Dempsey and renewed an acquaintance which he had previously made in 1936. Inspector Simon and Dempsey sat together on the plane and during the conversation Dempsey [illegible] indicated that he may possibly be able to assist the Bureau in some manner at some future time.

Bureau files have been checked, and it was ascertained that there were numerous references to Dempsey. These references have not as yet been reviewed for derogatory information.

It is suggested that this matter be considered by the New York Office; and in the event the New York Office desires to contact Dempsey in an attempt to develop him as a Special Service Contact, the Bureau files will be reviewed for any derogatory information.

NWP:lw

See Bureau file 100-FBI-2195. Pg. 36

cc - Inspector William G. Simon
Training and Inspection Division
Room 5248

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

60[illegible] Court House
[illegible]

[illegible] March 6, 1936

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
Jack Dempsey - Victim
Kidnap-Extortion

Dear Sir:

Jack Dempsey, the former World Champion Heavyweight Prize-fighter, telephoned the New York Bureau Office to report the receipt of a letter indicating his baby was to be kidnapped. Mr. Dempsey was interviewed at the Dempsey Restaurant, 50th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City, by Special Agent [redacted] and [redacted]

Agents [redacted] report that Dempsey was not inclined to take the matter seriously and was in too much of a hurry to afford to agents much information. The agents were not called into Dempsey's private office, but had to conduct the interview in a table booth across from the bar, and the interview was repeatedly interrupted by Dempsey's numerous friends stopping over to pass the time of day.

Mr. Dempsey delivered to agents a letter which is copied below:

March 2nd - 36'
New York, NY.

Hello Jack,

Just a line to warn you that your child is an object of a snatch. I am an ex-fighter whom you once did a great favor and therefore I don't want any harm to come to you and your family.

RECORDED & INDEXED 47-1581-1

You are being followed nearly every time you take your child out in the park so be careful. I know one of the plotters a Spaniard who I think lives at 112 East 104th St. His name I know only as Alfredo.

Take this matter seriously and investigate it in your own way.

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Sincerely

Sammy F.

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EXECUTIVE & [illegible]

March 12, 1936

7-1551 —/

Mr. Rhea Whitley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
607 U. S. Court House, Foley Square,
New York, New York.

DECLASSIFIED BY sp1a/pds
ON 1-27-98
(587239)

Dear Mr. Whitley:

I desire that you give close personal supervision to the investigation being conducted into the alleged kidnaping threat received by Jack Dempsey. You should assign to this case very capable agents and submit to the Bureau frequent reports concerning developments in the situation. In the event definite information is received concerning the case, you should notify the Bureau by telephone.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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U.S.

Enclosure

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DATE 2/13/98 BY SP1 CAS/RDS
(587239)

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March 10, 1936.

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Mr. H. Whitley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
607 U. S. Court House Building,
Foley Square,
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 9, 1936 in connection with the case entitled, Unknown Subjects; Jack Dempsey - Victim; Kidnaping.

In accordance with your request, there are being transmitted herewith, three photographic copies of the original evening letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #1181868

SPECIAL DELIVERY

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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Director March 8, 1935
(387237)

Mr. Dempsey claimed inability to determine the signature, i.e. as to whether or not it was Sonny I. or Jimmy I. In any event, he could not identify the signature or the handwriting. He stated that he believed it to be work of a crank and he was not inclined to treat it seriously; that he had phoned to his wife in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and merely suggested, without giving the background, that when she took the baby out on the boardwalk or outside the hotel, to have an attendant with her; that he is presently residing in Apartment 20-J of the Century Apartments, 25 Central Park West; that his home telephone is Columbus 5-3038; that his wife (the former Dempsey Williams) is presently staying at the President Hotel, Room 411, Atlantic City; that his daughter was nine-teen months old on March 5, 1935; that he had returned from Atlantic City this morning and found the letter on his desk; that it had been opened by a man employee in his office who did not save the envelope; that he assumed several other employees in his office have also handled this letter; that during the afternoon of March 5th he received a telephone call from some girl who stated she was Marion Davies, the movie actress; that he was under that she was not who she claimed to be but did not indicate he knew she was not Miss Davies; that the woman caller inquired as to whether his family was still in Atlantic City and he has a recollection that he replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Dempsey further advised that between 8:30 and 9 p.m. on March 5, 1935, he received a telephone call from a man whose name he did not request who desired to know whether Dempsey was going to Atlantic City, and he was informed that Dempsey was leaving that night; that he does not know whether these two telephone calls have any significance in connection with the warning letter; that Dempsey's picture appeared in the newspapers a few days ago showing his daughter in a baby carriage out of an elevator; that even then and immediately because of the present elevator strike, when it is possible that a crank saw the picture, and this constituted the letter; that his wife is not feeling well at the present time and he does not desire to worry her over a lunatic letter.

Several calls were received from Mr. Dempsey in connection with the instructions made to carefully preserve [illegible] and envelopes and to have them examined for fingerprints. It did not indicate that any other person mentioned had been advised of the receipt of this letter.

This office will make [illegible] address for either in the letter quoted above. The original letter will be retained in the New York office pending [illegible]. A report regarding this matter was sent to the Bureau on March 7, 1935.

Respectfully,

CALL: JB

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CONFIDENTIAL

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Transmit the following message to: SAC NEW YORK

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[redacted]

[redacted]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

Case: Unknown Subjects
Jack Dempsey-Victim
Extortion

Number: [redacted]

Specimens: [redacted]

Examination requested by: New York

Date received: 6-14-35 (Airmail)

Examination requested: Document and Impression

Result of examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

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[redacted]

EXPLAINED
DATED 07-21-75

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

Case: [redacted]
Unsub; Suspected Explosive
Bombing

Number: [redacted]

Specimens: Q1 - Pink plastic bag containing [redacted]
Q2 - Blue plastic bag containing [redacted]

Examination requested by: [redacted]

Date received: [redacted]

Examination requested: [redacted]

Result of examination: [redacted]

Examination by: [redacted] b7C

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

607 U.S. Court House
Foley Square
New York, N. Y.

WBM:ML

March 7, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
JACK DEMPSEY - Victim.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to my letter of March 6th, in the above entitled matter, and particularly to the last paragraph thereof which states that the original letter received by victim will be retained in the New York office pending further developments.

However, said letter was forwarded with my letter of March 6th, and it is desired that the laboratory effect a comparison of the handwriting of this letter with other letters of similar nature, sent to important personages, to cover the possibility that authors of other crank letters may have been the writer of instant letter.

The photostat facilities of the New York Office have not yet been completed (due to moving) and it is respectfully requested that this office be furnished with three photostatic copies of this letter.

letter dictated sending photos 3/9/36

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: [redacted] NEW YORK

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YOUR LETTER [redacted] C b1 IN CASE [redacted] JACK [redacted] O

[redacted] FOUR [redacted] OF VALUE [redacted]

ON ORIGINAL [redacted]

[redacted]

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CONFIDENTIAL

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To COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Transmit the following message to SAC NEW YORK

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[redacted]

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Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Jones
Mr. Leith
Mr. Nease
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
Miss Gandy

[redacted] C

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TRANSMIT

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SENT VIA

M Per

TELEPHONE CALLS RECEIVED

At 2:00 A.M. a member of the United Press called and wanted a report confirmed that federal agents and local police were investigating the kidnap threat to Jack Dempsey's daughter. The person calling was informed that the writer knew nothing about it and that there was no one in authority who could be called at that time.

No other calls of official importance were received.

Respectfully,

G. L. Sheppard,
Communications Section.

Give no information to anyone re this matter
with Dempsey yesterday.
J. E. H.

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MAR 10

FILE

JEH:AS

March 8, 1936

Time: 1:14 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. [redacted]

Re: Jack Dempsey; victim
Kidnaping Matter.

I telephoned Mr. Jack Dempsey at Atlantic City and stated that concerning the Kidnaping Matter, he had received the Bureau and doing everything possible and that if any further communications or threats were received to inform the Bureau immediately.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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MAR 10 1936 A.M.

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Joan Dempsey "Threatened"

Little Joan Dempsey shown here with her famous father and mother on a Chicago vacation last year, has been threatened with kidnaping, according to a tip in Atlantic City police. —A. P. Photo.

DETECTIVES GUARD DEMPSEY'S CHILD

Steps Taken by Atlantic City Police on "Tip" of Kidnaping Threat.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 2 (AP)—Officers investigated today an anonymous "tip" purporting to disclose a plot to kidnap Jack Dempsey's 18-month-old daughter Joan Hannah.

Whether the "tip" was accurate the officers were unprepared to say. Acting Capt. of Detectives James Farley asserted. It is probably the work of a crank, he said.

The child, however, was placed under guard at a hotel here where she is staying with her mother.

Farley said the rumors to the effect that Dempsey and a friend had received post cards from an anonymous writer warning of a kidnaping plot against Joan were being investigated.

"As soon as we heard about it," the chief said, "we detailed a couple of men from the President, hotel where the little girl is staying with her mother.

"As soon as we were able to find out," Farley added, "there's nothing to it. It is probably the work of a crank."

While Farley was reticent in discussing the case, it was learned that he had heard [illegible] that Federal men

See DEMPSEY, Page 3

Dempsey

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were investigating. From other sources it was learned that two Department of Justice agents had been sent to this city at the instance of local police and were making a searching inquiry into the origin of the alleged plot.

Left Because of Strike.

Mrs. Dempsey, the former Hannah Williams, Broadway actress, and Joan have been at the hotel since Friday. Dempsey, it was learned, has established temporary residence here for the duration of the service employes strike in New York.

It is understood that Dempsey failed to appear with his wife the effect of walking up and down the steps at the New York Hotel where they had been residing during the present elevator service. The former champion has been commuting to New York, where he has business interests.

The Dempseys have refused to discuss the threats and in Washington the Department of Justice declined comment. Capt. Farley indicated that police reticency in the matter was motivated largely by a desire to avoid alarming Mrs. Dempsey, who is an expectant mother.

Post Card Sent to Dempsey.

It was learned that Dempsey received the post card in New York, warning him that the writer had overheard two Polish gentlemen planning to kidnap Joan. A card bearing a similar warning was received by a friend of Dempsey here. The cards bore Atlantic City post marks.

Dempsey it was learned immediately sent a personal bodyguard from New York to be near his wife and child.

Hotel authorities would not discuss the case. The Dempseys occupy a sumptuous suite in the hostelry which is located on Absecon avenue on the main highway connecting the resort with the mainland.

DEMPSEY BABY UNDER GUARD

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 9. (U.P.)—Detectives have been assigned to guard Joan Dempsey, tiny daughter of Jack Dempsey, former world's heavyweight boxing champion, as a result of kidnaping threats, police disclosed early today.

Two Capone men have been assigned to investigate the threats, it was said.

Dempsey and his wife, the former Hannah Williams, and their daughter came to Atlantic City from New York on Tuesday and registered at a beachfront hotel.

On Wednesday, Dempsey and a local associate each received postcards which described a conversation between two men on a train bound from New York to Atlantic City. The anonymous postcard writer said the men spoke in a foreign language which he understood, and were discussing a plot to kidnap the ex-fighter's child.

Both cards were turned over to the police, who in turn sent them to the federal authorities in Washington.

Mrs. Dempsey, who is expecting the arrival of another child in June, was not told of the threats.

DEMPSEYS' BABY UNDER GUARD

Kidnaping Threat Heard

MR. AND MRS. JACK DEMPSEY and their daughter, Joan, who is being guarded in Atlantic City where the ex-champion and his wife are on vacation. Threats of kidnaping the little girl were reported to Dempsey. His wife, the former Hannah Williams, is expecting another child. International News Photo.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

EAT:TAM

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 9, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Richmond called from Trenton this morning to advise that the New Jersey papers are carrying stories concerning police investigation of a threat to kidnap the daughter of Jack Dempsey, which publicity is emanating from Atlantic City. Mr. Richmond stated that he contacted the Atlantic City Police and ascertained that an anonymous postal card had been received, evidently mailed on a train, in which the writer said he had heard two men speaking in Polish state that now would be a good time to kidnap Dempsey's daughter. Mr. Richmond stated that he had sent an agent over to Atlantic City to obtain the original postal card. I told Mr. Richmond that the New York Office had been working on a similar story regarding Jack Dempsey's daughter for several days and suggested that he transmit all information obtained to the New York Office for their consideration in connection with the case there.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

RECORDED

MAR 11 1936

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

MAR 11 1936 A. M.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FILE

KIDNAPING

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:CLW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 6, 1936.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

During a telephonic conversation which I had with Mr. Whitley at New York City, he said that JACK DEMPSEY telephoned the office this morning to inform that he had received a rather mysterious letter in which he thought the Bureau might be interested. Mr. Whitley sent a couple of Agents over to interview Jack Dempsey, and the letter turned out to be from a person who said that he used to be a boxing buddy of Jack's, and that he had information of a plot on foot to kidnap Jack's baby girl. The letter was not a threat, it was just a warning that Jack ought to be careful, etc.

Mr. Whitley said that Jack is unable to identify the writer of the letter, and of course knows nothing of any plan on foot to kidnap his baby girl. He is not taking the matter very seriously, believing that the letter is from some "nut".

No active investigation is being conducted, but the letter and the details are available in the event there are developments.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
607 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York, N.Y.

March 12, 1936

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
JOAN HANNAH DEMPSEY - Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letters of March 9 and 10, 1936 (file #7-1581), on this matter.

Enclosed for elimination purposes, are the fingerprints of Jack Dempsey, [redacted] and [redacted] who had handled the warning letter of March 2. There are also enclosed the fingerprints of Mrs. Hannah Dempsey and of the baby, Joan Hannah Dempsey, for filing and for any subsequent use. Because of difficulty in obtaining the child's prints, two copies thereof are being forwarded.

It is respectfully requested that the New York Office be furnished with photostatic copies of the two postcards, which it is understood were received on this matter at Atlantic City, and which were probably forwarded to the Bureau by the Trenton Office. A photostatic copy of the warning letter of March 2, is being forwarded by the New York Office to the Trenton Office for the information of the latter office.

When interviewed today, Dempsey was still disinclined to treat the matter seriously.

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Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY, Jr.
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Trenton

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

Case: RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
JOAN HANNAH DEMPSEY - Victim
KIDNAPING.

Number: 7-1581-9

Specimens:

[redacted]

Fingerprint cards of the following for purposes of elimination: Jack Dempsey, [redacted] b7c
Also 2 fingerprint cards of Joan Hannah Dempsey and one fingerprint card of Mrs. Hannah Williams Dempsey for our files.

Examination requested by: New York

Date received: 3-13-36 3:00 11:25 AM

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: [redacted] b7c
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A REQUISITION FOR PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE POSTCARDS REFERRED TO/INCOMING LETTER HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE AS PER REQUEST IN LETTER FROM TRENTON OFFICE DATED MARCH 11, 1936.

CC Trenton

Submitted 3/13

JEM:JM

March 19, 1936

ENCLOSED 9-1081-9

Mr. R. Finley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
607 United States Court House Building,
Foley Square,
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 11, 1936, transmitting fingerprints of Jack Dempsey, [redacted] b7C
[redacted] for elimination purposes in connection with the above entitled, pending matter.

Please be advised that the fingerprints submitted have been compared with the four latent impressions previously developed on the original letter bearing "New York July 4 1935," and two of the latent impressions have been eliminated from further consideration by identification with the right thumb and left thumb impressions, respectively, of Jack Dempsey.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

cc-Trenton

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

NEW YORK CITY	3/ 1/36	3/ -/36	[redacted] b7C

TITLE: CHARACTER OF CASE:

ESPIONAGE SUBJECTS
JEAN SAYRAH DEMPSEY - Victim — KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Warning letter dated at New York City, March 2, 1936, received by Jack Dempsey, former World's Heavyweight Champion, advising that his daughter was to be kidnaped. Investigation of a suspect mentioned in each letter, 122 East 10th Street, New York City, proved fruitless. Dempsey is disinclined to treat matter seriously, and has engaged un bodyguards. Fingerprints of persons who handled letter, obtained and forwarded to Bureau for elimination purposes. Pending subsequent developments, the case is closed.

DETAILS: [redacted] b7C

The following is a [redacted] report of Special Agent [redacted] and the writer.

During the morning of March 4, 1936 JACK DEMPSEY, former World's Heavyweight Champion, telephoned to Special Agent in Charge [redacted] Whitley of the New York Office to advise of the receipt of a letter indicating DEMPSEY'S baby was to be kidnaped.

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [redacted] 7-1581-12

COPY OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:

2 Bureau
1 Trenton (Enc.)
1 New York

RE-SUBMITTED TO BUREAU

ROUTED TO: FILE

RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 19 1936

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mr. DEMPSEY was interviewed at the Dempsey Restaurant, 50th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City, by Agents. Mr. DEMPSEY stated that his secretary had handed him the warning letter after DEMPSEY'S return from Atlantic City on March 5, 1936; that the envelope in which the warning letter was received had been destroyed by the secretary; that he cannot identify the handwriting or the signature of this letter; that he does not know whether the signature is SAMMY or SONNY; that he is not inclined to treat the letter seriously; that he is of the opinion that it represents the activity of a crank; that he has no intention of providing a bodyguard for his child; that his wife is temporarily stopping at the President Hotel, Room 431, Atlantic City; that his permanent residence is Apartment 20-J, Century Apartments, 25 Central Park West, New York City (Columbus 5-3038); that he does not intend to inform his wife (the former HANNAH WILLIAMS) of the nature of this letter; that his daughter, JOAN HANNAH, was nineteen months old on March 5, 1936; that during the afternoon, about 2.30 p.m., he received a telephone call from some girl who claimed she was MARION DAVIES, the movie actress; that he was aware she was not who she claimed to be, but did not indicate he knew she was not Miss DAVIES; that this woman caller inquired as to where his family was, whether they were still in Atlantic City, and it is his recollection that he replied in the affirmative.

Mr. DEMPSEY further advised that between 8.30 and 9 p.m. on March 5, he received a telephone call from a man whose name he did not request, who desired to know whether DEMPSEY was going to Atlantic City, and the caller was informed that DEMPSEY was leaving that night; that he had no intention of going to Atlantic City until Saturday, March 7, but did not consider it was any of the anonymous caller's business as to what DEMPSEY intended to do; that he does not know whether these two telephone calls have any significance in connection with the warning letter.

Mr. DEMPSEY further advised that his picture appeared in local New York newspapers a few days previous, showing him pushing his daughter in a baby carriage out of an elevator; that such item had news value because of the present elevator strike; and that it is possible some crank saw the picture, and such event occasioned the letter. It was also disclosed that Mrs. DEMPSEY is expecting another child about June 1936.

The following is a copy of the letter delivered to Agents by DEMPSEY:

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"March. 2nd - 36
New York, Ny.

Hello Jack,

Just a line to warn you that your child is an object of a snach. I am an ex fighter whom you once did a great favor and therefore I don't want any harm to come to you and your family.

You are being followed nearly every time you take your child out in the park so be careful. I know one of the plotters a Spaniard who I think lives at 112 East 19th St. his name I know only as Alvo.

Take this matter seriously and investigate it in your own way.

Sincerely

Sammy F.

For the information of the Trenton Office, a photostat of this letter is being forwarded with copies of this report to Trenton.

The original letter was forwarded to the Bureau for laboratory examination with letter from the New York Office dated March 6, 1936. A teletype from the Bureau, dated March 7, 1936, advised - "Four latent fingerprints of value developed on original warning letter." A second teletype on the same date advised - "Extortion letter no watermark except 'laid line,' measures approximately 8½ x 11. White rock as is used for typewriter. Believe wording to be Sammy F." Supplemental letter of March 9, 1936 was received from the Bureau, advising of the above.

Newspaper items of Monday, March 9, reflect that two postal cards had been received in Atlantic City, also warning [illegible] of an alleged plan to kidnap his daughters. Telephone conversation between Special Agent in Charge Whitley of the New York Office and Special Agent in Charge E. K. Richmond of the Trenton Office reflected that the two post cards had been furnished to agents of the Trenton Office.

In connection with the address of 112 East 19th Street, New York City, furnished by the sender of the letter as the address of a person believed to be involved in the alleged plot, and whose name,

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according to the sender, is [redacted], investigation was conducted at that address and in the vicinity, it being determined through inquiries of storekeepers and others of the neighborhood, that the premises at 112 East 104th Street have been vacant for a period of about two months, and that the premises were originally occupied as a synagogue. The investigation also disclosed that the neighborhood is composed of residents of several nationalities, including Porto Ricans, Spaniards, Italians, Negros, and Hebrews. During the investigation in that neighborhood, efforts were made to elicit information which would indicate whether or not anyone of an eccentric nature, who might be concerned in the writing of such letters, lived in the vicinity; and inquiries were also made with respect to whether or not any known ex-pugilist was a resident of that neighborhood. All of the information in this respect proved negative, and in furtherance of the same line of inquiry, the two postal carriers whose routes include that street, were interviewed, and they were likewise unable to supply any information that might have any bearing upon this matter.

Night Assistant Superintendent [redacted] Post Office Station U, 226 East 106th Street, New York City, exhibited to Agents the official change of address book which was carefully examined, but no name similar to that appearing in the warning letter, was found. b7C

During the neighborhood inquiry and visits to the neighborhood small stores, an examination was made of the stationery on sale, but the few types available in these stores were distinctly different from that used in the warning letter.

Mr. DEMPSEY was again interviewed by Agent [redacted] and the writer, at his apartment during the morning of March 11, 1936. Fingerprints were taken of DEMPSEY, his wife, and his daughter, JOAN HARMAN. With respect to the cards received at Atlantic City, DEMPSEY reiterated that he still was disinclined to treat the matter seriously. Regardless of newspaper comments, he stated he had not and did not intend to engage any bodyguard. Also, his wife is still unaware of the receipt of the original letter quoted above. He also reiterated his previously expressed intention of cooperating in all respects with this Bureau. His remarks reflect that any subsequent letters of interest will be carefully treated so as to eliminate fingerprints of handlers. No further letters have been received. b7C

At the Dempsey Restaurant, the fingerprints were obtained of Miss [redacted], the young lady employed in a secretarial capacity in the office of the Dempsey Restaurant. The b7C

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started to work for DEMPSEY on March 4, 1936, and is concerned over the fact that the letter was received on her first day of employment. She opened the warning letter but could furnish no worthwhile information as to the nature of the envelope. She is of the impression that it was written in longhand, but such envelope had no printing, return address, or other identifying features, but probably was of similar type paper as was the letter. She can only guess that it possessed a New York City postmark. She readily agreed to having her fingerprints taken for elimination purposes. She made note of the New York Office telephone number and address, and will promptly inform as to the receipt of any additional items of interest. She possesses cellophane envelopes previously furnished by Agents to DEMPSEY for use in handling further interesting items.

Miss [redacted] had remarked about having received and destroyed a few items, the number not recalled, from unknown persons who solicited the position of bodyguard, and from some woman who had offered her home as a safe refuge for the child. Miss [redacted] was instructed, and she readily agreed, to preserve all such items and to promptly forward same to the New York Office. b7C

[redacted] general manager for Dempsey, also permitted the taking of his fingerprints. He could furnish no information as to the nature of the envelope which had contained the warning letter as he had not treated the letter seriously, and never saw the envelope. He readily agreed to treat all future items with consideration and preserve same for Bureau Agents. b7C

Six fingerprint cards are being forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover--one each for DEMPSEY, Mrs. DEMPSEY, Miss [redacted] and two for JOAN HANNAH DEMPSEY. The warning letter of March 2 had been handled by Miss [redacted] and DEMPSEY, and the fingerprint cards of these persons are to be used for elimination purposes, the fingerprint cards of Mrs. DEMPSEY and the baby, JOAN HANNAH DEMPSEY, to be filed for possible future reference. b7C

The description of DEMPSEY's daughter, based on the observations of Agents, is as follows:

Name	Joan Hannah Dempsey
Age	19 months
Height	30 to 30½ inches
Weight	Approximately 30 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Features	Full face
Complexion	Fair

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Copies of this report are being furnished to the Trenton Office for its information, inasmuch as it is understood such office had conducted investigation at Atlantic City in connection with the post cards previously mentioned.

If and when subsequent events occur requiring additional investigation, this case will be reopened.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Laboratory Report

Case:

Number:

Specimens:

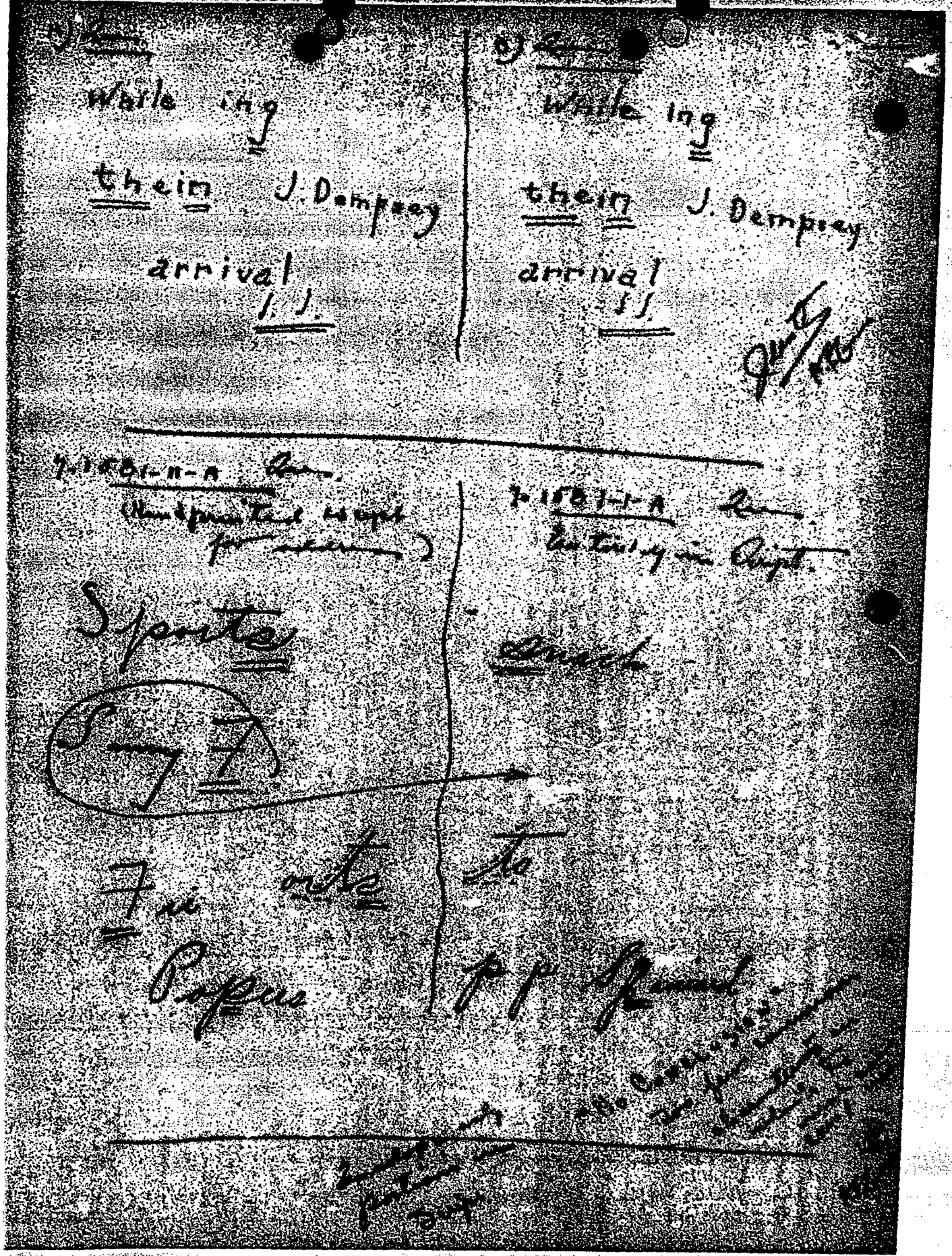
Examination requested by:

Date received:

Examination requested:

Result of examination:

Examination by: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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION 8559
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

Case: RE: PLOT TO KIDNAP JOAN HANNAH DEMPSEY. Number: 7-1581-11

Specimens:

7-1581-11 A. One postal card addressed to L. Greenberg, Sports, Press-Union Papers, postmarked, 1 Atlantic City, N. J., Mar. 6, 1936, 7 PM.

" B. One postal card addressed to Captain, Detective Bureau, City Hall, postmarked, 1 Atlantic City, N.J., Mar. 6, 1936, 5 PM.

Examination requested by: Trenton

Date received: 3-13-36 3rp 10:55 AM

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of examination: Examination by: [redacted] b7c

TWO PHOTOGRAPHIC COPIES OF "A" AND "B" TO THE NEW YORK AND THE TRENTON OFFICES.

CC: New York

3/17 Two prints and 2 sets of hand printed slips

Dempsey 11 A
No conclusions
with 11 A
3 1/2 fair prints

TRENTON STATE GAZETTE - Trenton, New Jersey

March

DEMPSEY KIDNAP THREAT IS PROBED

Infant Guarded at Shore Hotel—Federal Agents Enter Case

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 8 (AP).—Federal agents and local police were reported investigating tonight an alleged kidnaping threat made against Joan Hannah, 19-months-old daughter of Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight boxing champion.

The child is reported under guard in a suite at a local hotel where her mother, the former Hannah Williams, also is living during the screen employes' strike in New York City.

The precautions were taken, it was learned, after a friend of Dempsey and Jack himself had received postcards on which an anonymous writer warned them that "two Polish gentlemen" were overheard planning the kidnaping.

While authorities were inclined to regard the incident as the work of a crank, it is known that two Federal agents have been sent to the city to investigate.

ATLANTIC CITY PRESS - Atlantic City, N. J.

March

Guard Dempsey Baby

Police Precautions After Abduction Plot; Safe at Work of Crank

Joan Hannah, chubby 12-months-old daughter of Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight champion, is under close guard at the Dempsey suite in the President Hotel here while shore police and Federal agents probe a plot she would be the target of kidnapers.

From inquiry officially available, the precautions were taken after an Atlantic City friend of Dempsey and Jack himself had received postcards on which the anonymous writer gave the message "two Polish gentlemen" were overheard planning the snatch. The cards were received Friday night.

Dempsey brought his wife and daughter here last week for the duration of the dockers strike in New York. He has been commuting

While the former heavyweight king and authorities believe the cards are the work of a crank, it is rumored Dempsey sent a bodyguard from New York to be constantly near his baby. Department of Justice men here were notified as were police and [illegible]

The family and police [illegible]

March 9, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE, E. L. RICHMOND

Acting on your instructions, I proceeded this morning at 6:15 A. M., to Atlantic City to investigate the report of a plot to kidnap the daughter of Jack Dempsey. Upon arrival there I contacted [redacted] of the Atlantic City Police Department, and was informed that two post cards had been received on Saturday morning, March 7, 1936, one by Mr. L. Greenberg, of the Press Union Newspaper, and the other by Captain [redacted] of the Atlantic City Police Department. Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] were immediately assigned to investigate. They went to the President Hotel, where Jack Dempsey is registered with his wife and daughter Joan (two years old), and made arrangements to guard the child while in the hotel, and shadow the child while it was being taken for an outing on the boardwalk.

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Accompanied by Detective [redacted], I proceeded to the President Hotel and interviewed Jack Dempsey. It was Mr. Dempsey's opinion that this matter was a hoax and that the cards were written to cause him annoyance, and did not represent a threat to his child's safety. Detective [redacted] concurred in this opinion. Mrs. Dempsey is very much upset over the thought of the child being kidnaped, and this is especially harmful because of the fact that she is expecting another child in June. Mr. Dempsey mentioned the fact that he had received two cards in New York City and had turned them over to the New York Bureau office. He stated that in the New York instance he believed the cards were written by a former sparring partner of his, and mentioned that they had actually included in their contents the name and address of the person suspected of the plot to kidnap his daughter. He believed that the New York threat was a serious one, and stated that he had given all the facts in his possession to the New York office.

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Mr. Dempsey was very appreciative of the cooperation given him by the Bureau. He spoke very highly of the Agents themselves, and was especially complimentary in his remarks about the Director. He stated that he could not conceive of anyone these days kidnaping a child, because "Mr. Hoover will catch them and burn them sooner or later, and anyone with an ounce of sense would know that that's what is going to happen to him."

The two post cards which are attached to this memorandum are as follows:

(1) Regular U. S. Post Office, one cent post card, postmarked "Atlantic City, N. J., March 6, 1936, 5 P. M., addressed to Captain, Detective Bureau, City Hall." On the reverse side is the following message printed in green ink: "Pri. While coming in on a train from N. Y. I overheard in Polish a conversa-

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tion between two women and a man. While J. Dempsey is out of the city for the week-end would be a swell chance to go for the kid to take quarters on the same floor and watch as the nurse takes it out of the Hotel. Also that Confederates are in the vicinity since their arrival." These cards were signed by a character which resembles two small "Ls."

(2) Regular U. S. Post Office, one cent post card, postmarked "Atlantic City, N. J., March 6, 1936, 7 P. M., addressed to L. Greenberg, Sports, Press-Union Papers." On the reverse side is the following message printed in black ink: "Fri. While coming in on a train from N.Y. I overheard in Polish a conversation between two women and a man. While J. Dempsey is out of the city for the weekend would be a swell chance to go for the kid. To take quarters on the same floor and watch as the nurse takes it out of the hotel. Also that Confederates are in the vicinity since their arrival." This post card was also signed by a character resembling two small "Ls."

The pencil writing on card (1) was put there by Captain of Detectives Yates of Atlantic City.

I made an effort to determine how many persons had touched the above-mentioned two cards, but could secure no definite list. However, I did find out that both cards were handled by reporters and detectives, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey.

Respectfully submitted,

[redacted]

Special Agent (A)

CMS

cc:Bureau
cc:N. Y.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

827 Broad Street National Bank Building
Trenton New Jersey

March 11, 1936.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: PLOT TO KIDNAP JOAN HANNAH DEMPSEY

Dear Sir:

In confirmation of my telephonic information conveyed to Mr. E. A. Tamm on March 9, 1936, I wish to advise you that at 2:30 A. M., on June 9, 1936, Mr. [redacted] who stated he was a reporter for the NEW YORK NEWS, called up at my home and stated that he had been advised that two letters had been received at the Police Department in Atlantic City, and that these letters stated that the daughter of Jack Dempsey was to be kidnaped by Polish-speaking persons. Mr. [redacted] wanted to be advised as to whether this office was taking any action in this matter. I, of course, told Mr. [redacted] that I knew nothing of it. I immediately communicated with Acting Captain Farley, of the Detective Bureau of the Atlantic City Police Department. Captain Farley stated that there were two post cards received, one by the Police Department, and one by a friend of Dempsey's; that these post cards were unsigned and contained merely warning, apparently from a disinterested person, that a plot was in the process of being formulated to kidnap the child of Jack Dempsey. Captain Farley's conversation appeared to be on no violation of the Extortion law. Captain Farley also advised that Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] were assigned to this case. Accordingly, the writer deemed it advisable to have Special Agent [redacted] contact these two detectives, who are personal friends of his, for any information they may have relative to a possible violation over which this Bureau has investigative jurisdiction.

Agent [redacted] submitted a memorandum, two copies of which are being forwarded to the Bureau, and two copies to the New York office. This memorandum is self-explanatory. The card received by the Police Department, and the one received by Mr. Greenberg, are being transmitted to the Bureau for whatever examination the Bureau desires to make in this case. It is requested, however, that four photostatic copies of each of these cards be made, two of these copies to be forwarded to the New York office, and two copies to this office, for the completion of their respective files. There are also being transmitted to the Bureau three newspaper items taken from the ATLANTIC CITY DAILY WORLD, ATLANTIC CITY PRESS, and TRENTON STATE GAZETTE. It will be noted that these articles all state that Federal Agents are investigating this case. Inasmuch as these articles

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all appeared in the morning paper, before Agent [redacted]ms in Atlantic City, the writer believes that these articles were based on no foundation or fact whatever.

In accordance with Mr. Tamm's instructions, this office is, of course, conducting no investigation in this matter. The fact concerning the receiving of the post cards in Atlantic City were communicated telephonically to Mr. R. Whitley, Special Agent in Charge of the New York Bureau office, upon the instructions of Mr. E. A. Tamm.

Very truly yours,

E. L. Richmond

E. L. RICHMOND
Special Agent in Charge

ELR:CMS
Encl. #516991 (6)
cc N. Y.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

Case: RE: PLOT TO KIDNAP JOHN HANNAH
[redacted]

Number: 7-1581-11

Specimens:

7-1581-11 A. One postal card addressed to L. Cornelius Sparks, Prosecuting Figure, postmarked, 1 Atlantic City, N. J., Mar. 6, 1936, 7 PM.
B. One postal card addressed to Captain, Detective Bureau, City Hall, postmarked, 1 Atlantic City, N.J., Mar. 6, 1936, 5 PM.

Examination requested by: [redacted]

Date received: 3-13-36 [redacted]

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

TWO PHOTOGRAPHIC COPIES OF "A" AND "B" TO THE NEW YORK AND THE CHICAGO OFFICE.

New York

one letter on B; 3 on A.
Dict 3/20/36 JCH

[redacted]

March 27, 1956

[redacted]

Special Agent in Charge

[redacted]

Dear Sir:

[redacted] in connection with the above entitled case, there are [redacted] specimens listed on the following specimens which you forwarded for examination:

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

Director

Enclosure

JTH:JM

March 20, 1936

RECORDED 9-1681-11

Mr. E. L. Richmond,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Grad Student National Bank
Building,
Trenton, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 11, 1936 transmitting two original photo copies and 40 prints in connection with [illegible] Department, [illegible] the request of [illegible] to determine the [illegible] Bureau [illegible] for identification in connection with the [illegible] for [illegible] Police Department.

[illegible] to advise that the records [illegible] have been examined and [illegible] of value [illegible] of identification. [illegible] the original photo copies and [illegible] of these [illegible] Bureau [illegible] of any [illegible] or of any person whose [illegible] material.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
MAR 20 1936

ATLANTIC CITY DAILY [illegible]ELD - Atlantic City, N. J.

March

SLEUTHS GUARD DEMPSEY CHILD

Rumors of Planned Abduction Causes Flurry

A rumor that G-Men are in Atlantic City following a tip that attempts had been made to abduct Joan Dempsey, two-year-old daughter of the former world heavyweight champion and the former Hannah Williams, stage star, remained unconfirmed last night by local police.

Detectives admitted at least one Federal investigator was in town, but denied he was here in connection with any reported kidaping. Since the elevator strike started in New York City last week, Jack Dempsey and his family had been guests at the President Hotel, Albany av. and the Boardwalk.

Almost every day they have strolled the Boardwalk or gone rolling-chairing with the little girl, a strikingly pretty brunette who reached the walking stage about six months ago.

Mrs. Dempsey, when queried over the telephone last night in their hotel suite regarding the kidnaping report, declared she "knew nothing of it." Jack himself was asleep and she did not care to disturb him over the matter.

Mrs. Dempsey, who won musical comedy fame with her singing of the popular number of a few years ago, "Cheerful Little Earful," is a former Atlantic City girl, having lived with her parents on Stenton pl.

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TAA:FS FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION # 8498
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

March 11, 1936

Case: Number: 7-1581-1
Unknown Subjects;
Jack Dempsey - Victim,
Kidnaping.

Specimens:

A. One original extortion letter beginning "Hello Jack, Just a line"...

Examination requested by: New York

Date received: March 7, 1932

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of examination: Examination by:

b7C

Confirming the Bureau's telegram of March 7, the writer has compared the original extortion letter in the above-captioned case with the known writings of [redacted] and has found that the writer of the extortion letter is not the same person who executed the known writings of [redacted]. The paper has no watermark which would indicate the manufacturer but does display finish lines which may be of assistance in identifying it with known samples.

It is believed that the signature is intended to be Jimmy [illegible].

A report on the fingerprint examination has been forwarded.

Photographic copies of the original extortion letter have been submitted.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IN CASE RECEIVED IN THE LABORATORY MAY BE IN ARE DISPOSED. PLEASE ADVISE WHAT IS DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS EVIDENCE AFTER IT HAS BEEN EXAMINED IN THE LABORATORY, IT SHOULD BE REQUESTED IN WRITING. IF NO REQUEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS REPORT, THE EVIDENCE WILL BE DISPOSED OF. IF IT IS DESIRED THAT THE EVIDENCE BE RETURNED TO YOUR OFFICE, IT SHOULD BE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED IN WRITING AND WILL BE RETURNED BY REGISTERED MAIL.

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REK:KI - 7-176

Mr. A. Whitley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
807 U. S. Court House Building,
Foley Square,
New York, New York.

Re: Unknown Subjects;
Peck Company - Victim,
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau March 7, 1936.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure: Whitley

SPECIAL DELIVERY

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

TJG:MSL

MAIL

March 9, 1936.

[redacted]

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NICHOLS.

Please be informed that Dr. [redacted] telephoned and wanted to know if we had any information with regard to the alleged Lindbergh ransom bill turning up at Bloomington, Illinois; also whether there was any information concerning the reported gypsy curse to the effect that Jafsie Hauptmann had received a threatening communication concerning his daughter who is now in Atlantic City.

b7C

I informed Dr. [redacted] that matters of this kind were handled by the Director and that he should communicate with the Director's office. He then stated that the Director was not in his office, but he would endeavor to get in touch with him later on in the day. I have informed Mr. Tamm of the substance of these two calls.

Respectfully,

J. E. Quinn.

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MAIL ROOM

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Mr Jack Dempsey
New York
N Y

Dear Jack:-

Just saw the Tex Rickard
in his yacht little flapper this time.
Say Jack: If you can put any kind
of a line up in who can be matched to
fight Tunney we will give an interview to
some newspaper friend, as we will have nobody
to get.

We are not tough but we think a little
Jim Glaser fight would be a good
small go for us.

We had some thoughts that
we think a big crowd for a welterweight
match would be right, with a right and
a left hook and some hot stuff
Tell Mrs Dempsey we send
and you have both a fine

Yours Sports Dept.

P.S. Can't
part of the
Lake Tahoe

Mr Jack Kearney
New York
Penn Grill
Cafeteria Restaurant New York

Wants Position as
Body Guard

[redacted] b7C

Detroit, 10-12-31

Dear Sir Deputy

I am recently out of employment and think it advisable to apply as Body-Guard for Jim Hill. In the event that you are of the opinion I am suitable please so let me know and oblige, Very truly Yours as Body-Guard for [redacted] b7C

Son of the late Governor Johnson Jones Post Office, Inspector in Charge of [redacted] b7C will be one of many of Prospective Jobs I am after you

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about myself. You may get in touch
with Col [redacted] of
the New Jersey State Police
if you wish. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

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[redacted]

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March 10th 1936.

My dear Jack Murphy:-

If you are alarmed because of Richard Hauptmann and inconvenienced because of Mr. Lindbergh's Baby. My home is open to Hauptmann and little Joan. And while Mr. Murphy charges have left me little to offer. My home is convenient - clean - and after all no one need know. Ask your boss if you can go and bring little Joan to my home for a few days visit with me.

This is just a tiny gesture from one who has always admired and respected the man, Jack Murphy.

Sincerely,

Mrs. [redacted]

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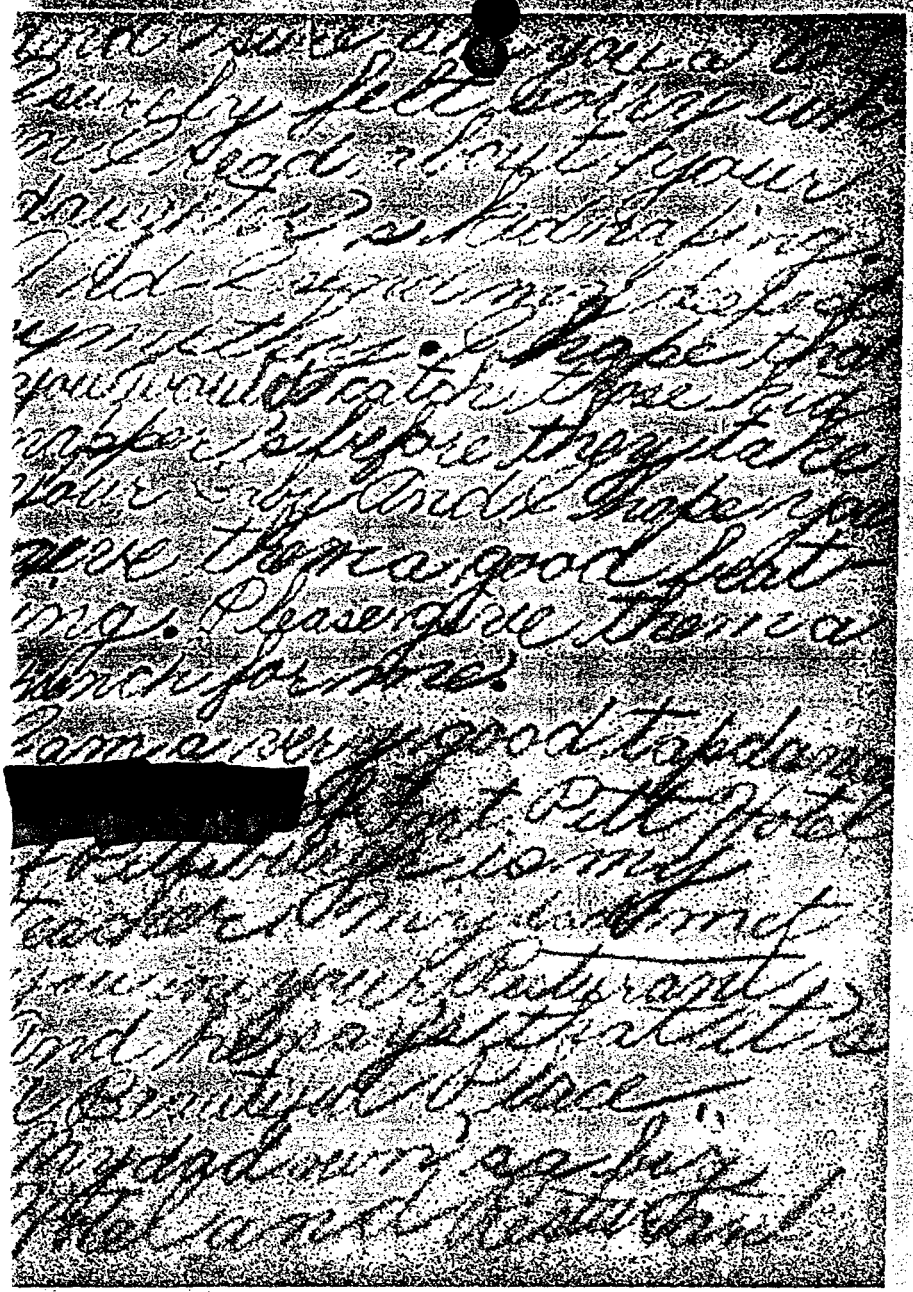
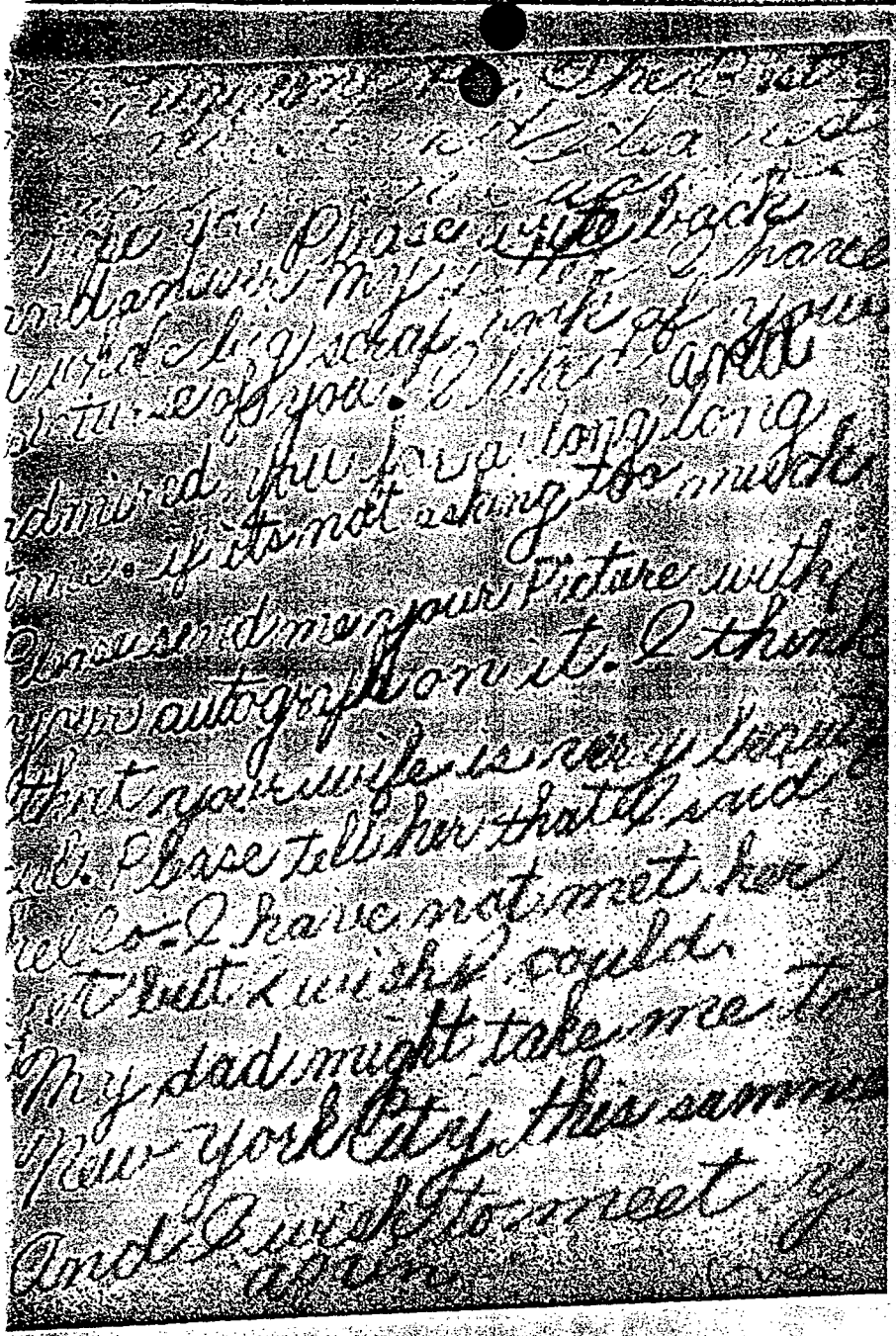
[redacted]
Jack Warner
Warner Bros.
Sunset and Bronson
Hollywood, Calif.

PLEASE READ ALL
OF THIS LETTER
MR DEMPSEY
& MERCHANT





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Your Closet Pal and admirer

[redacted]

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P.S. Please write to me and don't forget the Picture.

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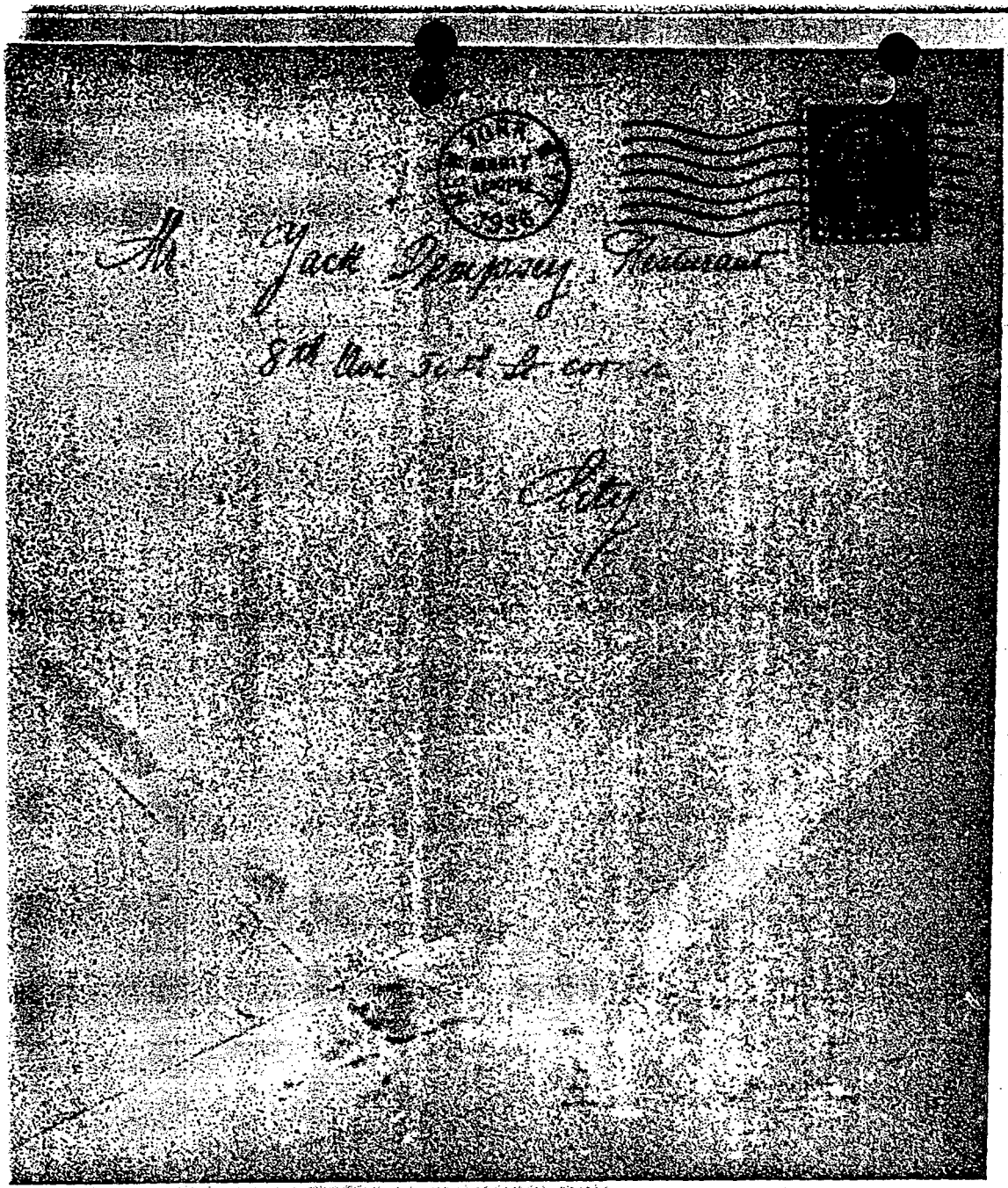


New York [illegible]

Dear Mr Dempsey,

I have some very important to tell you. Something happened with me last Monday March 9, which will interest you very much, because it concerns you, or rather your baby.

Since I did not know what to do, now if she not come to get me at my house. I do not want to go to your restaurant, then may be you do not want to come to my house if I call you. Things go fully in women, so it is better if you will be with car at 9th Ave. and 52nd St corner - 1st Upstairs corner - Thursday March 19, 10 A.M.

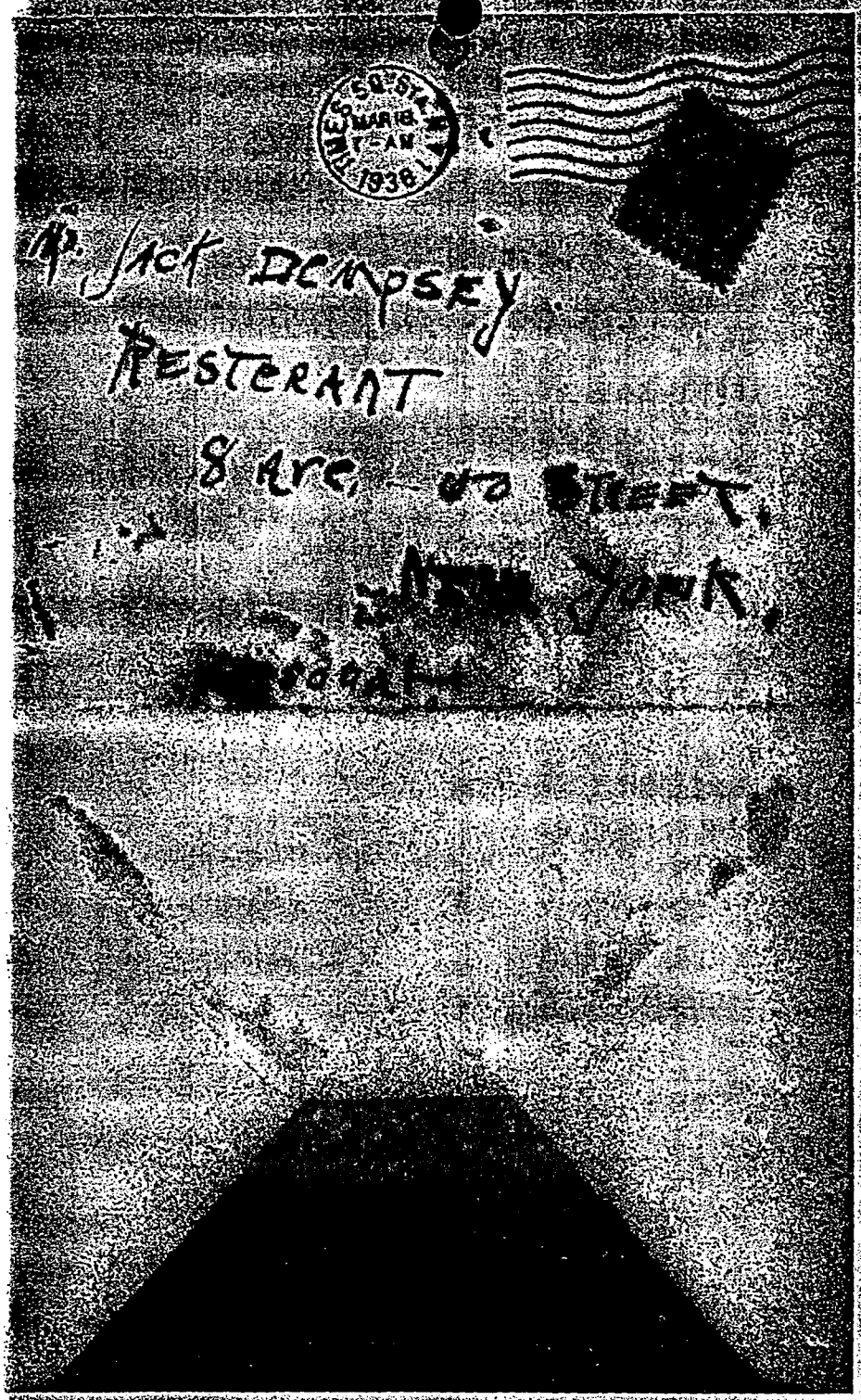
I hope you could understand this little business. I am in distress can not wait anyway.

Yours truly

Ann G.

HELLO JACK.

SO you ought Doo the
PAPERS hey. Your got your nerve
WELL listen you punk
SLICKER you come out a the
- WEST an MAKE a lot a
got will go back wot peanut
THE EAST So you're COMING
ACROST with A Big hunk SEE.
OR else ---------- the
you THINK we a CRANK or NUTS
Watch off. Call that sheep boy
HOUSE of — He is just a guy wot
COULDN GET off. MORE LATER
TIE this to the PAPERS


Mr. Jack Dempsey
Restaurant
8 Ave. - 52 St.
New York,

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

Case: [redacted]

Specimens: [redacted]

Examination requested by: [redacted]

Date received: [redacted]

Examination requested: [redacted]

Result of examination: [redacted]

b7C

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION # 8636
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

Case: Unknown Subjects;
Joan Hannah Harpsey-victim.
Kidnaping.

Number 7-1581-14

Specimens: 7-1581-14 A Letter and envelope written in pencil; envelope postmarked "Minneapolis, Minn. Mar. 9, 1936 12 PM. Known.

B Letter without envelope dated 3-10-36 [redacted] Known.

C Letter and envelope dated 3-10-36 from [redacted] Known.

D Letter and envelope from [redacted] envelope postmarked Duquesne, Pa. Mar 10, 1936 8 AM. Known.

Examination requested by: New York

Date received: 3-18-36 (10:30AM ft)

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination: Examination by [redacted]

b7C

3/19 Ptn. 2 — 36 New York Inv.
Ptn. 2 Unknown Enclosed
Objs. A
Ltr. B
144 Unknown Enclosed
Not [redacted] Re Mrs. Harpsey
Not [redacted] b7C Re Mrs. Harpsey
Ltr D
Mar 14 30 D
More data pertaining to

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Letter to Bureau - Att. Technical Laboratory
March 16, 1956

Letter and envelope from [redacted], Virginia, Pa.

b7C

This writer is an eight year old boy, and while corresponding with Snoopy, desires an autographed photograph.

Arrangements have been made with Mr. Bumpus's office to forward to the Baltimore office such letters of similar nature as are received. Same will be forwarded to the Bureau for handwriting comparison.

Very truly yours,

R. [redacted]
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

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WHM:AGB

637 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York, N. Y.

March 16, 1936

Attention - Technical Laboratory

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: Unknown subjects
John Harold Dempsey - victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

The following items are being submitted herewith for examination by the Laboratory to determine whether the handwriting may correspond with the handwriting in the letter and two postcards previously submitted in this case. These items were forwarded to the New York office by Jack Dempsey's secretary.

Letter and envelope written in pencil, envelope postmarked "Minneapolis, Minn., 3/9/36" addressed to Dempsey. The letter is signed "Ken" and bears no return address.

Letter without envelope, dated 3/10/36, at [redacted] addressed to Dempsey, signed by [redacted] and stating his services as bodyguard.

Letter without envelope, dated 3/10/36, [redacted] in which she offers the use of her home as a shelter for Dempsey's baby.

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5-18-38.

The envelope containing the above letter was postmarked at New York, N. Y., March 17, 1938 at 11:30 P.M., bore a three-cent stamp, and was addressed as follows:

"Mrs. Jack Dempsey - Restaurant
9th Ave, 50th St. corner
City"

- - - - - - - - - -

Hello, Jack.

So you stuck too the papers boy. You got your nerve

Well listen you punk

Whether you come out a live

went an make a lot a jack

in the face of your coming

(you will go back west pronto) smart

aleck with a big bunk ass.

or else - - - - - - - - - - the FBI.

You think we a crank or nuts boy?

What a joke. Call that school boy

Harvey of -- He is just a guy and

scaling twice cold. Have taken

Give this a the papers, this means

We go the cops.

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Director.
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3-18-36.

The envelope containing the above letter was postmarked Times Sq. Station, N. Y., 1. March 18, 1936, 7 A.M., bore a two-cent stamp, and was addressed as follows:

"Mr. Jack Dempsey.
Restaurant
2 Ave. - 50 Street.
New York.

Personal."

The first letter, signed "Mrs. T.", calls for a meeting with Dempsey at 10 A.M., on Thursday, March 19, 1936. Dempsey has agreed to keep such appointment with agents of this Bureau in the vicinity. You will be promptly advised of the results of this meeting.

The original of these two letters will be photostated by the New York Office tomorrow. Thereafter, the original and photostatic duplex will be promptly furnished the Bureau. It is particularly desired to temporarily retain the letter signed by Mrs. T. in order to have it available for comparison with her handwriting if she should be detained tomorrow.

The second letter is, undoubtedly, the activity of a crank.

Dempsey is not inclined to take this matter more seriously. He is contemplating retaining an armed bodyguard. A copy of the first letter from Mrs. T. was furnished to Mr. Stewart A. Hume of the Bureau, over the telephone this afternoon.

Very truly yours,

T. [illegible]
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

607 U. S. Court House
Foley Square,
New York, N. Y.

WBM:LS
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March 18, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
JOHN HANNAH DEMPSEY - Victim.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Below are copied two letters and envelopes received by Jack Dempsey today:

"New York March 17, 1936

Dear Mr. Dempsey,

I have some very important to tell you. Something happened with me last Monday March 9, which will interest you very much, because it is concerning you, or rather your baby.

Since I did not know what to do, even I do not dare to go out from my house, I do not dare to go to your resturant either and may be you do not dare to come to my house if I call you, though I am only a woman, so it is better if you will be with car at 9th Ave and 52nd, St. corner - West, Uptown corner - Thursday March 19, 10 A.M. I hope you could understand this letter because I am so nervous can not write orderly.

Youre truly
(s) Mrs. T.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION # 8559
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report
March 18, 1936

Case: Plot to kidnap Joan Hannah Dempsey. Number: 7-1581-11

Specimens: 7-1581-11:

A. One postal card addressed to L. Greenberg, Sports, Press-Union Papers, postmarked "1, Atlantic City, New Jersey, March 6, 1936, 7 P. M.".

B. One postal card addressed to Captain, Detective Bureau, City Hall, postmarked "1, Atlantic City, New Jersey, March 6, 1936, 8 P. M.".

Examination requested by: Trenton Bureau Office

Date received: 3-13-36

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of examination: Examination by: [redacted]

The specimens designated as "A" and "B" above are both handprinted in ink on a regulation size one-cent United States postal card with standard specifications. It is the opinion of the examiner that the handprinting appearing on both specimens were printed by the same individual.

A specimen of the handprinting appearing on these postal cards has been placed in the Laboratory's anonymous letter file. A search will also be conducted through this file and in the event an identification is effected with any present specimens you will be so advised.

In accordance with your request, two photographic copies of the evidence submitted will be forwarded to the New York and Trenton Bureau offices within the next several days.

A report on the fingerprint examination will be submitted separately.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE BUREAU SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL.

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1-Trenton
1-New York
1-Laboratory

RECORDED 7-1581-16

MAR 21 1936

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March 18, 1936

RECORDED 7-1581-16

Mr. S. L. Richmond,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
621 Broad Street National Bank Building,
Trenton, New Jersey.

Re: Plot to Kidnap Joel Hutson
Dempsey.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau March 11, 1936.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure: 61181920

cc-New York

SPECIAL DELIVERY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO.

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK CITY N.Y. FILE NO. 7-865

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
NEW YORK CITY	3/19/36	3/18.19/36	[redacted] b7C

TITLE

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
JOAN HANNAH DEMPSEY - Victim

CHARACTER OF CASE

KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Dempsey received two letters postmarked at New York City March 17 and 18, 1936. Letters postmarked March 18, believed to be work of a crank. The other letter is signed "Mrs. X." and called for a meeting with Dempsey at 12 p.m. midnight 19, 1936 at Ninth Avenue and 50th Street, New York City. Dempsey kept appointment and Bureau agents were in vicinity. No one appeared to contact Dempsey. Investigation of letters received by Dempsey being sent to Laboratory.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] New York City March 11, 1936.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Miss [redacted] secretary to DEMPSEY, during the evening of March 18, 1936, telephoned SA Special Agent in Charge H. Whalley to advise of the receipt of two letters of interest. Special Agent in Charge Whalley telephoned to the N. Y. Office of the Bureau and informed of the receipt of these two letters on March 18, 1936.

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

7-158-17

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3 Trenton (Incls. 2)
1 New York

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Agent contacted JACK DEMPSEY at his restaurant at 6:30 p.m. on March 18, 1936, and obtained the two letters which [redacted] had placed in cellophane. The two letters are copied below:

"New York March 17, 1936

Dear Mr. Dempsey,

I have some very important to tell you. Something happened with me last Monday March 9, which will interest you very much, because it is concerning you, or rather your baby.

Since I did not know what to do, again I do not have to go out from my house, I do not have to go to your restaurant either for why to you do not give orders to my bosses if I meet you, though I am only a waiter as it is better if you call me Jack and so Jack Ave and 32nd. Dear Mister - Have [illegible] Tuesday March 17, 19[illegible] A.M. I hope you would understand me better because I am an outcast (one who lives [illegible]

Yours truly,

(Signed) Jack [illegible]

The enclosed envelope bearing the above letter was postmarked at New York, N.Y. March 17, 1936, at 11:30 P.M., bore a 3¢ stamp, and was addressed as follows:

"Mr. Jack Dempsey, Restaurant
[illegible] Ave. [illegible] St.
New York"

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Mr. [redacted] expressed more concern over the receipt of these several letters, and is now inclined to treat the matter seriously. He spoke of engaging an armed bodyguard for the purpose of watching his daughter when away from their apartment. He did specifically request the use of Bureau agents, and such subject was avoided.

A letter was written to the Bureau on March 18, 1936, quoting the two letters shown above.

On March 19, 1936, [redacted] observed [redacted] on the northeast corner of Ninth Avenue and 42nd Street at 9:15 A.M. Agent had driven up in a new green Packard, and it was noticed that Agent would set an imaginary [illegible] through would [illegible] for whoever contacted him at the [illegible] corner. At one time [illegible] Special Agent [redacted] and Special Agent (A) [redacted] were observed [redacted] stationed in doorways across the street, but [redacted] proved to be too well known and too popular. He was [illegible] being greeted by various persons many of whom stopped to shake hands with him. [redacted] quickly discovered all of these strangers [illegible] uniformed police officers on the beat came over to visit with Dempsey, and a little difficulty was experienced in getting away from that vicinity. Driving [illegible] would stop, point with [illegible] and block the car. [illegible] was observed [illegible] blocked [illegible] nal was given [illegible] blocked back to his [illegible] [illegible] shot him.

In a letter dated [illegible] a suspicious person [illegible] [redacted] advised the writer that he would certainly [illegible] tional letters calling for further investigation.

The two original letters, [illegible] were forwarded to the Bureau [illegible] such letters are being forwarded [illegible] for its information.

This case will remain [illegible] developments.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION # 8636
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CAA:HRG

Laboratory Report

March 19, 1936

Case: Unknown Subjects;
Joan Hannah Dempsey - Victim;
Kidnaping.

Number: 7-1581-14

Specimens:
7-1581-14:
A. Letter and envelope written in pencil; envelope postmarked "Minneapolis, Minnesota, March 9, 1936, 10 P.M."
B. Letter without envelope dated March 10, 1936 at [redacted] New Jersey.
C. Letter without envelope dated March 10, 1936 from (Mrs. [redacted]
D. Letter and envelope from [redacted] envelope postmarked "Duquesne, Pennsylvania, March 10, 1936, 8 A.M."

Examination requested by: New York Bureau Office

Date received: 3-18-36

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination: Examination by: [redacted]

It is believed that none of the writings were written by the person who wrote the extortion letter or the person who wrote the script address on the postal card.

1-Bureau
1-New York
1-Laboratory

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March 19, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,
New York, New York.

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Re: Unknown Subjects;
John Thomas Dempsey - Victim
Kidnaping.

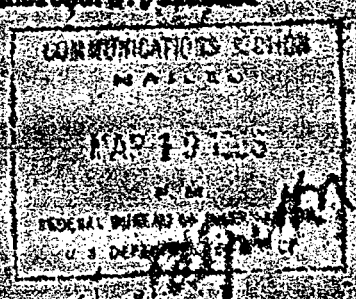
Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau March 18, 1936.

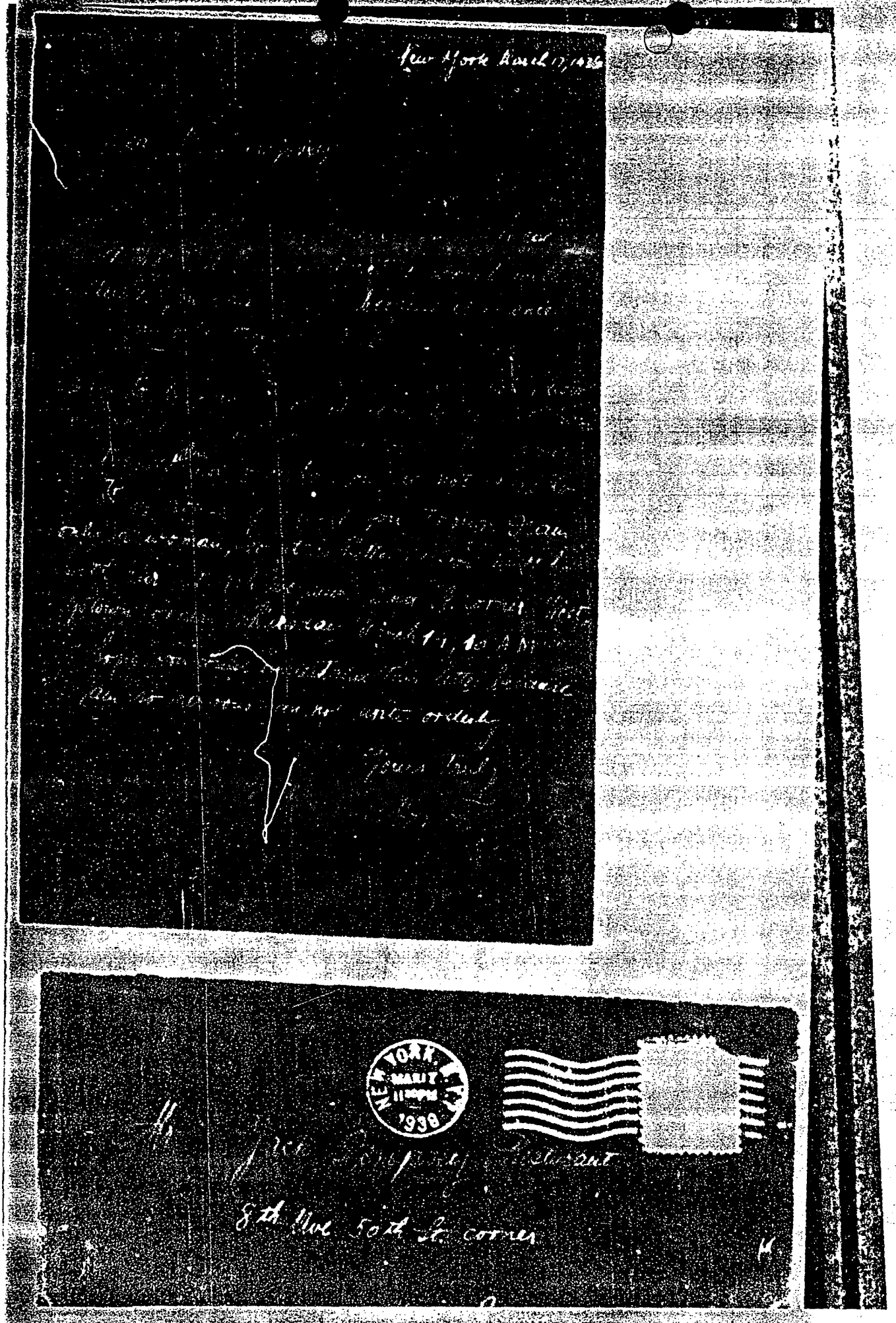
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure: 1161WM



New York March 17, 1926



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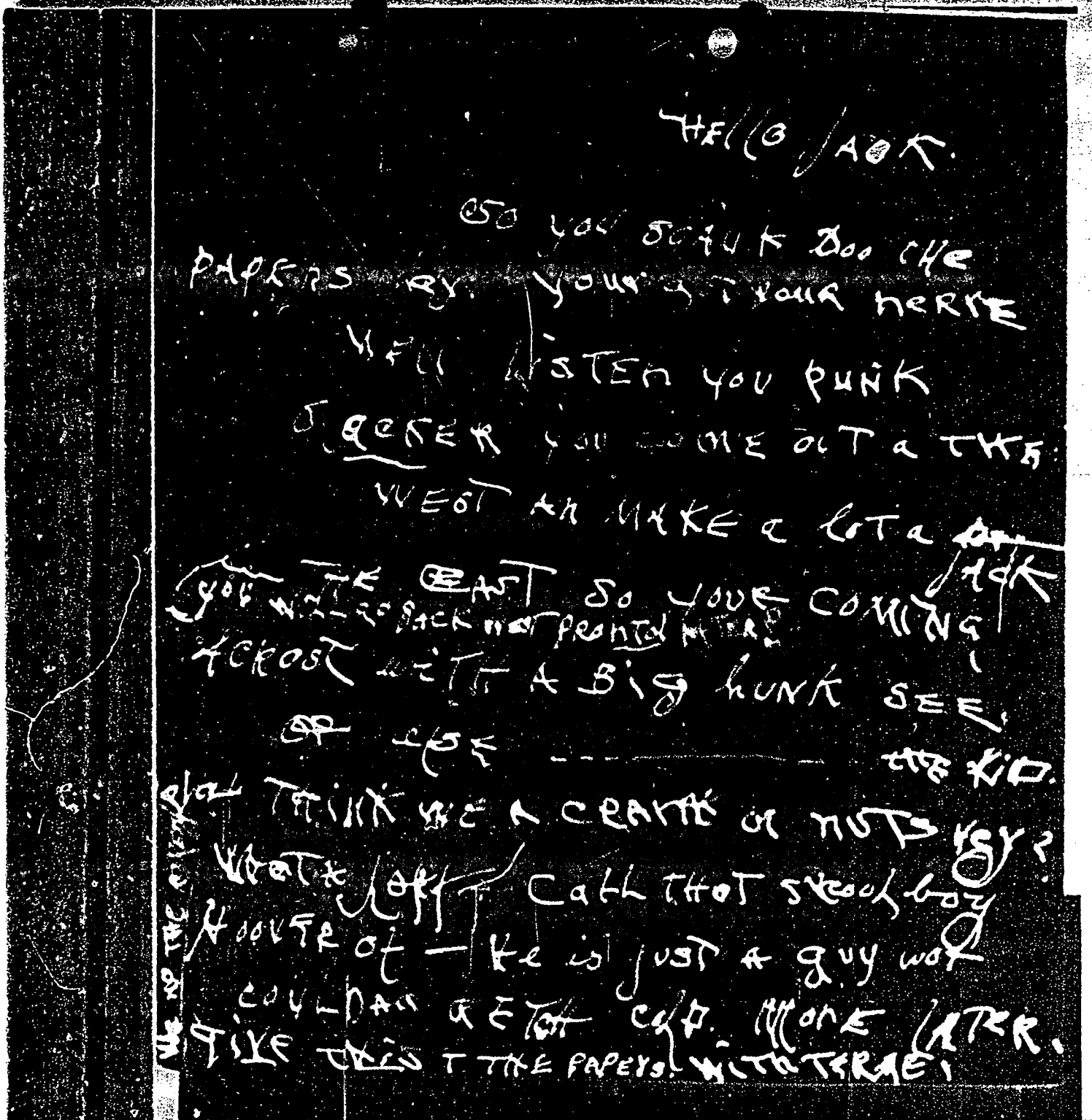
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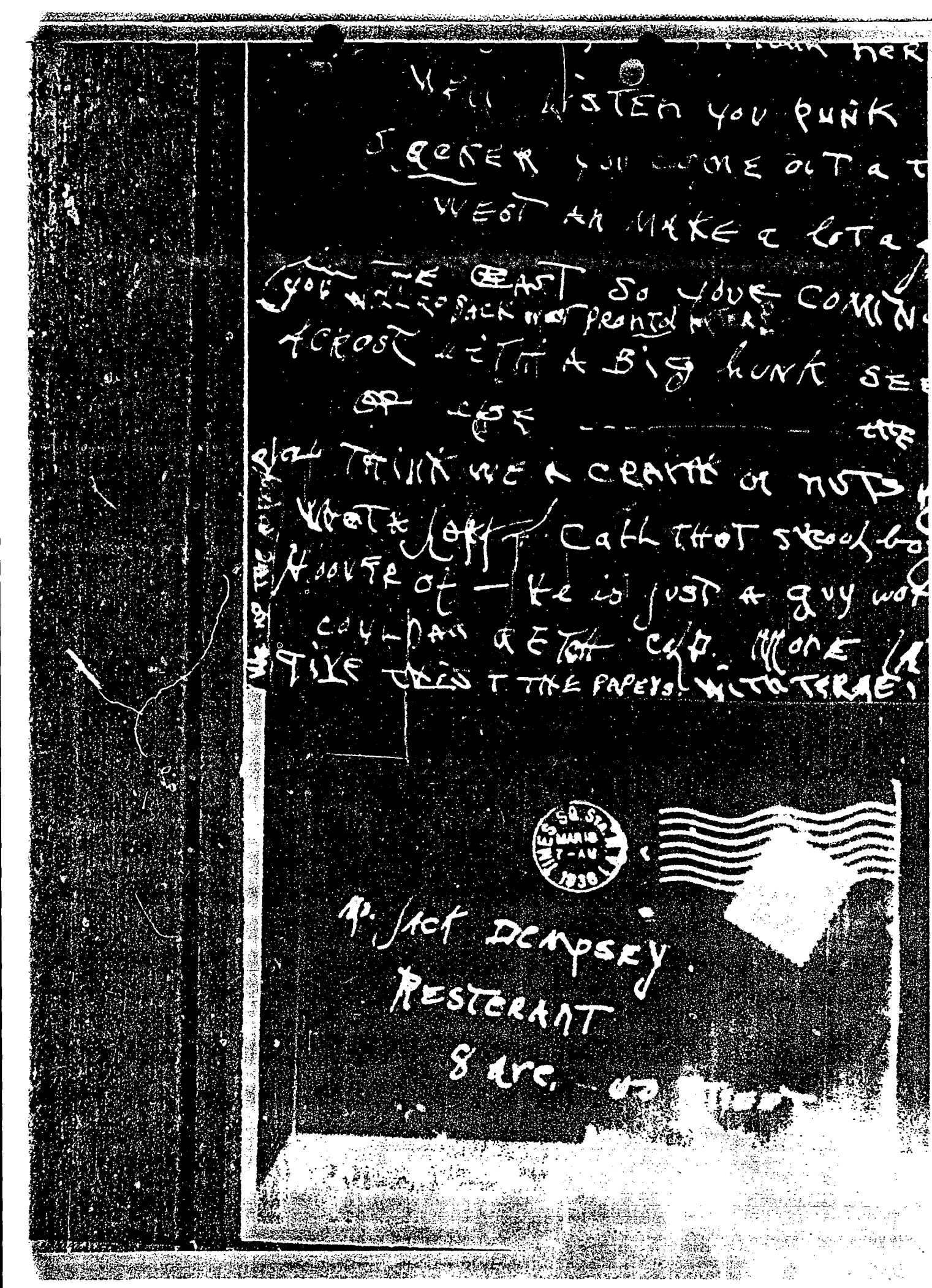
SO YOU SCUK DOO CHE
PAPERS EH. YOUR A TOUGH HERTE
WELL LISTEN YOU PUNK
SCREEK YOU COME OUT A THA
WEST AN MAKE A LOTA
YOU WANTE BACK NOT PRONTO
CROSS WITT A BIG HUNK SEE,
OR ELSE ---------- THE KID.
YOU THINK WE A CRAYTE OR NUTS EH?
WHAT'S JOKE? CALL THAT STOOGY BOY
HOOVER AT — HE IS JUST A GUY WOT
COMPANY KEEP. MORE LATER.
TAKE THIS T THE PAPERS! WITTERMEI


LISTEN YOU PUNK
SCREW YOU
WE'LL MAKE A LOT
THE BEAST SO YOU'VE COMIN
YOU WILL BE BACK WITH PEANUTS
ACROSS WITH A BIG HUNK SE
OR ELSE
YOU THINK WE A CRANK OR NUT
WHAT'S LEFT CALL THAT STOOL
HOUSE OF — HE IS JUST A GUY WO
COP-PAN GET CKD. MORE
LIKE THIS IN THE PAPERS! WITH TERRE
SEP
1936
JACK DEMPSEY
RESTAURANT
&c.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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U. S. Department of Justice
607 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York, N.Y.

REGISTERED MAIL

March 19, 1936

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Attention Technical Laboratory

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
JOAN HANNAH DEMPSEY - Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed in cellophane the two letters and envelopes received by Jack Dempsey on March 18, 1936. There are also enclosed two photostatic copies of each letter and envelope.

It is suggested that the technical laboratory make examination for fingerprints and comparison of handwriting with prior letters received in this case, and such other letters previously forwarded to the Bureau in other cases, as may be of interest.

Subsequent items of interest will be promptly submitted to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

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W. H. HEWITT,
Special Agent in Charge

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2 Enclosures

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case: RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
JOAN HANNAH DEMPSEY - Victim
KIDNAPING

Number: 7-1581-19

Specimens:

7-1581-19 A. One original ~~extortionate~~ threatening letter beginning: "Hello Jack. So you squak ~~to~~ the papers hey—". Also one piece of plain, unmarked stationery.

" B. One envelope addressed to Mr. Jack Dempsey, postmarked, Times Sq. Sta. N.Y.1, Mar. 18, 1936, 7-AM

" C. One original letter beginning: "I have some very important to—".

Examination requested by: New York

Date received: 3-21-36 3wp 11:30 AM

Examination requested: Fingerprint - Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

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7-1581-19-D. One envelope addressed to Mr. Jack Dempsey Restaurant, postmarked, New York, N.Y., 7, Mar. 17, 1936, 11:30 PM.

3/24 Contains Fresh Chrysanthemum Petals
Not Lips Impressions Edged with Jack

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

8685

Laboratory Report

Case:

Number:

Specimens:

Examination requested by:

Date received:

Examination requested:

Result of examination:

Examination by:

A) Items "7 pieces of ... Paper roll by 7 W... Rim ..." (7 pcs Russian Cartridges)

Wt. 4.1101 gms.
2 1/2" x 8 4/7" x .0048"
Plain white Rough finish Writing Stationery X

B) No Items
Wt. 3.2094 gms.
Plain White Rough finish Envelope
3.5" x 4.2 1/2" x .0052"

C) No Items
4.95" x 7.95" x .0037" (4 folds in half)
Plain white Stationery
Wt. 2.7[illegible] gms.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

Case: RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
JOHN HARRIS LINDSAY - Victim
KIDNAPING

Number:

Specimens:

[illegible] As the original unmailed typewritten letter beginning:
"Dear Mike, Do you think [illegible]", also
two pieces of plain, unlined stationery.

B. One envelope addressed to Mr. Jack Lindsay, postmarked,
[illegible]

C. The original letter beginning "I have just very low
personal [illegible]".

Examination requested by: New York

Date received [illegible] Jun 11 1930 AM

Examination requested: Fingerprint - Document

Result of examination:

B.C. Hunter

Examination by: [redacted] b7C

[illegible] One envelope addressed to Mr. Jack Lindsay, postmarked
New York, N.Y., [illegible]

Out to Dawson on 3/25

Obtained from lab by me on 3/26 [redacted] b7C

sent to photog.

per Estate dict 3/27/30

June 3-28-30

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

Case: [redacted] KIDNAPING

Number: [redacted]

Specimens:

Examination requested by: [redacted]

Date received: [redacted]

Examination requested: Fingerprint - Identification

Result of examination: [redacted]

Examination by: [redacted]

b7C

JRM:EPG

March 20, 1936

7-1561 -19

Special Agent in Charge,
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 19, 1936 transmitting two original letters, the first of which begins "Hello Jack. Do you remember--" and the second of which begins "I have some very important--", and accompanying envelopes postmarked "Times Square Station, New York, N. March 18, 1936, 7 P. M." and "New York, New York, N, March 17, 1936, 11:30 P. M.", respectively, for examination in connection with the above entitled, Unknown subjects; Jack Heath Kidnap - Victim; Kidnaping, your file 7-561.

Please be advised that the material submitted has been examined but no latent fingerprints of value could be developed thereon.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
RECEIVED
MAR 20 1936
P.M.
Please note time of delivery on
all communications

APC:EBO

April 8, 1936

9-1883-19

Special Agent in Charge,
New York, New York.

Re: Unknown Subjects;
John Hamish Dempsey - Victim;
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Laboratory Report [redacted], in connection with the above entitled case, there are transmitted herewith photographic copies of the following specimens which your office submitted for examination:

9-1883-1a;

A. One original typewritten letter beginning "Hello Jack, We are ..."

B. One envelope addressed to Mr. Jack Dempsey, postmarked Grand Central Station, New York, N. Y., March 18, 1936, 6 P. M.

C. One original letter beginning "I have been ..."

D. One envelope addressed to Mr. Jack Dempsey, postmarked [illegible] New York, New York, N. Y., March 19, 1936, 11:30 P. M.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
MAIL ROOM
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure [redacted]

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WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

FBI NEW YORK CITY [redacted] b1

DIRECTOR

FROM. UNSUB; SUBJECTS JOAN HANNAH DEMPSEY VICTIM. ABDUCTION

AT [redacted] TODAY AS REQUESTED IN LETTER DEMPSEY, RECEIVED WEDNESDAY

WAS MAINTAINED BY DEMPSEY AND HUMAN REMAINS NOT TO BE ATTACHED.

WHITLEY

END

OK FBI WASHINGTON DE FCD

[redacted]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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APG:EG

Laboratory Report

Case: Unknown Subjects; Joan Hannah Dempsey - Victim; Kidnaping.

March 27, 1936. Number: 7-1581-19

Specimens:

A. One original threatening letter beginning "Hello Jack, So you". Also one piece of plain, unmarked stationery. B. One envelope addressed to Mr. Jack Dempsey, postmarked "Times Square Station, New York, 1, March 18, 1936, 7 A. M.". C. One original letter beginning "I have some very". D. One envelope addressed to Mr. Jack Dempsey Restaurant, postmarked "New York, New York, 7, March 17, 1936, 11:30 P. M.".

Examination requested by: New York Office.

Date received: 3/21/36.

Examination requested: Fingerprint - Document.

Result of examination: Examination by [redacted] b7C

The first page of the original extortion letter designated as specimen A above is handprinted in ink on a sheet of plain white [illegible] stationery measuring 7.[illegible] and bears the watermark "Fine Arundel Linen" which appears on paper sold by the F. A. Wordsworth Company.

The envelope designated as specimen B above was a plain white [illegible] finish, measures 3.[illegible], and bears no watermark. The address appearing thereon is handprinted in ink.

The first page of the original letter designated as specimen C above is handprinted in ink on a sheet of plain white stationery folded in half, bearing no watermark and measuring 4.[illegible]. The address appearing thereon is handprinted in ink.

The envelope designated as specimen D has a plain white [illegible] finish, measures 6.[illegible] and bears no watermark. The address appearing thereon is handprinted in ink. Additional physical characteristics of the above four specimens have been recorded in the Laboratory [illegible] for comparison with possible future specimens.

RECORDED & INDEXED 7-1581-21

It is the opinion of the examiner that the handprinting on specimens appearing respectively on letters designated as specimens A and C above are identical with that of other original extortion letters received in this case. The original handwritten letter designated as C above contains [illegible] handwriting characteristics indicating that this might have been written by a foreign woman.

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FILE

The original extortion letters will be searched through the Laboratory's anonymous letter file and in the event an identification is effected you will be so advised. A specimen copy showing the characteristics of the writing of these letters has been placed in the Laboratory's file for comparison with other anonymous writings of this character.

Photographic copies of the evidence submitted will be forwarded to your office within the next several days.

A report on the fingerprint examination will be submitted separately.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE BUREAU SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL.

1 - [redacted]
1 - New York
1 - Laboratory

APG:EG

March 27, 1936.

RECORDED - 156 1-1 21

Special Agent in Charge,
New York, New York.

Re: [illegible] Subjects;
[illegible] Hamlet Dempsey - Victim;
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau March 21, 1936.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure: Lab.160.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
MAIL ROOM
MAR 28 1936

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

P.F:CW

April 2, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Time - 1:30 P. M.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS -
JACK DEMPSEY - Victim;
Extortion

While talking with Mr. Whitley on other matters, I asked him what the status of the above matter was. He stated there are no further developments; that he is watching it and everything has been reported up to date on same; that he thinks it was a "crank" case in the beginning but it is being given very prompt and expeditious attention all the way through.

RECORDED 7-1581-22

Mr. [redacted] alias [redacted]

APR 11 1936

Mr. Whitley also called my attention to the above matter. He is the man the New York office had under surveillance over a year ago in New York. He is supposed to have been a contact for [redacted] which is the only interest the Bureau had in him. He subsequently, several months ago, showed up at Reno, Nevada, [redacted] and it was learned unofficially with activities out there and wrote the Bureau concerning him, said this individual was associating with [redacted] and other local men out there. Mr. Whitley said they identified [redacted] immediately from the description and data contained in the field office file. Shortly after this, Inspector [redacted] of the New York City Police Department made inquiries about [redacted] saying that he had him identified in connection with a local robbery, which is the Radio City robbery of January 1st, 1936. Mr. Whitley stated he did not tell Inspector [redacted] where [redacted] was. The Bureau was advised of the inquiry by letter and the fact that there is no process out against him and the Bureau wrote back and instructed not to advise Inspector [redacted] as to [redacted] whereabouts for the time being, as [redacted] was working, hired to make some discreet inquiries to see if he could get any line on whether [redacted] might have taken some of the jewelry out there. Inspector [redacted] has again contacted the New York office and stated he has [redacted] positively identified as one of the participants in the robbery; that [redacted] has been secretly indicted and that he is extremely anxious to find him.

Mr. Whitley stated, in view of this development, which has also been reported to the Bureau by letter, it occurs to him that the Bureau should consider very carefully the advisability of withholding that information any longer from the New York Police; in other words, they have an indictment out for a man on a serious charge and there is a possibility he

We should reconsider withholding this info from NYC Police

may have transported some of the jewelry out of the state but the Bureau has no information whatever indicating that. Mr. Whitley stated that if the Bureau should lose track of him at Reno and it would later come out that the Bureau knew where he was and had not told the New York Police, it would be a bad position to be in; before they did not have an indictment but now they do have.

Mr. Whitley suggested that I review the correspondence outlining this matter and consider whether the New York office should sit tight on the information. I advised him I would recommend to you that the New York Police be advised of [redacted] whereabouts, as the Bureau's relations are pretty good now, especially with Inspector [redacted] who is handling this case personally. I also advised him I would let him know the outcome of my talk with you relative to same. b7C

Mr. Whitley also suggested that Inspector [redacted] will probably want the Bureau to pick up [redacted] and hold him until the New York Police can have him removed or extradited and believes the Bureau should also approve this step. Mr. Whitley stated [redacted] is very dangerous; that apparently he is acting as body guard for [redacted] at Reno and if he is associating with [redacted] in Reno it means that he has a direct inside track on everything there, in other words local officials wouldn't ride him up. b7C

Re: [redacted], et al.
Bank Robbery

Mr. Whitley also advised that at the time they were delving in [redacted] while he was in custody at New York, he told them about a bunch of getaway charts he had buried in Connecticut, also a rifle. He said that these charts were for jobs which he and his associates had pulled and for a number of jobs which have not been pulled but which have been contemplated. He gave the best descriptive data he could as to the location of these and Mr. Whitley sent Agents [redacted] and [redacted] up there Tuesday to try to locate the charts. They found eighteen getaway charts buried in a thermos jug. The charts are very elaborate, they are typewritten and they show the exact directions and mileage, being prepared by [redacted] himself. Mr. Whitley stated these charts have not been identified as to just what jobs they relate and [redacted] may have to identify them as they relate to past and contemplated jobs. The charts are all being photostated today and will be sent to the Bureau - the originals and one set of photostats. They have not been touched and have been put in cellophane envelopes; that he has in mind different parties whom [redacted] named and who helped him in some of these jobs, and might have handled these charts and the Bureau could probably get a number of good latent prints off of them. b7C

Mr. Whitley advised that in addition to the charts they found a half gallon container buried at the same place full of roofing tacks used to sprinkle on the roads and also an old Remington single shot what is known as a "40-70" or an old buffalo gun, which will be an addition to the Bureau's collection. It was stuffed in an inner tube and very well protected. There was also a half gallon container of ammunition for this gun. All of this material is being sent to the Bureau tonight. He said there were also about five or six sets of different kinds of license plates, all being 1935 ones, which are not being sent to the Bureau with the above-mentioned articles.

Respectfully,

P. E. Foxworth.

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK CITY, N. Y. FILE NO. 7-36 CMS

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY	4-17-36	3/9-10-/36	[redacted] b7C

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS JOAN HANNAH DEMPSEY - Victim	KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Two identically worded post cards received Atlantic City, N. J., 3-7-36, one by L. Greenberg, Press Union Newspapers, and other by Captain Farley, Detective Bureau, informing of alleged plot to kidnap daughter of Jack Dempsey. Dempsey believes cards sent by enemy him, and daughter in no danger. Both cards turned over to Agents by Dempsey sent to Bureau with letter 3-11-36. Dempsey family returned to New York 3-[illegible]. Detective [redacted] Atlantic City, reports occurrence overheard about Dempsey by informant in bar room was by [redacted] b7C
near Pleasantville, N. J. [redacted]
Polish people, [redacted]
[redacted] was criminal [illegible].

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DETAILS: This case is predicated upon a telephone call made by Special Agent in Charge E. L. Richmond, Trenton Bureau office, to Captain of Detectives Farley, Atlantic City Police Department, regarding a rumor communicated to Mr. Richmond by a newspaper reporter, that the Police Department in Atlantic City had received a post card informing of a plot to kidnap Joan Hannah Dempsey. Captain Farley

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: E. L. Richmond (Special Agent in Charge)

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informed Mr. Richmond that he had received such a post card and that his detectives were investigating the matter.

AT ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY:

Agent ascertained at Atlantic City Police Headquarters, that Detective [redacted] was handling the case, and Agent immediately contacted him. He advised that two post cards had been received on Saturday morning, March 7, 1936, one by Mr. L. Greenberg, of the Press Union Newspapers, and the other by Captain Yates, of the Police Department. Mr. Greenberg turned his post card immediately over to the Police Department.

Detective [redacted] accompanied by Detective [redacted] contacted Jack Dempsey at the President Hotel, where he was registered with his wife and daughter Joan Dempsey, and made arrangements to guard the child while at the hotel and while being taken for an outing on the boardwalk.

Agents, accompanied Detective [redacted] to the Traymore Hotel and there interviewed Jack Dempsey. Detective [redacted] remained in the lobby. Mr. Dempsey stated that he did not take the post cards seriously as he believed they were sent for the purpose of annoying him rather than with the idea of their being a real plot. He was unable to keep this information from Mrs. Dempsey, however, and she was very upset over the thought of her daughter being kidnaped. This caused Mr. Dempsey some concern because of the fact that his wife is expecting another child in June.

Mr. Dempsey mentioned the fact that he had received two cards in New York City, and had turned them over to the New York Bureau office. In the New York instance, however, he believed the threat to be a serious one because of the fact that the person writing the cards had actually mentioned the name of the alleged kidnaper.

Mr. Dempsey's faith in the Department of Justice was unbounded, and he said that he felt quite secure in having

the matter in their hands. He expressed great appreciation at the cooperation extended to him by the Bureau, and was especially complimentary in his remarks regarding the Director.

The two post cards were forwarded to the Bureau on March 11, 1936 in a letter written by Special Agent in Charge E. L. Richmond. They were as follows: (#1) Regular U. S. Post Office, one cent post card, postmarked "Atlantic City, N. J., March 6, 1936, 5 P. M., addressed to: Captain, Detective Bureau, City Hall." On the reverse side is the following message printed in green ink: "Fri. While coming in on a train from N. Y. I overheard in Polish a conversation between two women and a man. While J. Dempsey is out of the city for the week-end would be a swell chance to go for the kid to take quarters on the same floor and watch as the nurse takes it out of the Hotel. Also that Confederates are in the vicinity since their arrival." These cards were signed by a character which resembles two small "Ls." (#2) Regular U. S. Post Office, one cent post card postmarked "Atlantic City, N. J., March 6, 1936, 7 P. M., addressed to L. Greenberg, Sports, Press-Union Papers." On the reverse side is the following message printed in black ink: "Fri. While coming in on a train from N. Y. I overheard in Polish a conversation between two women and a man. While J. Dempsey is out of the city for the weekend would be a swell chance to go for the kid. To take quarters on the same floor and watch as the nurse takes it out of the hotel. Also that Confederates are in the vicinity since their arrival." This post card was also signed by a character resembling two small "Ls."

It was ascertained from Mr. Dempsey and Detective [redacted] that both post cards were handled by reporters and detectives, as well as by Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey. It was impossible to obtain a list of the names of these people. b7C

Detective [redacted] informed Agent that an informant of his had, while drinking at a bar room near Pleasantville, N. J., on March 6, 1936, overheard a conversation between b7C

some Polish people regarding Jack Dempsey. No mention was made, however, of any plot to kidnap his daughter. Informative advised that this information was received by a man by the [redacted] and [redacted] very poor reputation. He stated that [redacted] had a criminal record, and furnished Agent with a photograph of this man, stating his incarceration in the Atlantic County Jail on February 16, 1932 under the number [redacted] for the violation of the National Prohibition Act. This photograph is being forwarded by the New York Office with copies of their report for their disposition.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FORM NO. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK, N.Y. N.Y. FILE NO. 7-265 ET

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
NEW YORK CITY	4/27/36	4/22/36	[redacted] b7C

TITLE:
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
JOAN HANNAH DEMPSEY - Victim

CHARACTER OF CASE:
KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Miss [redacted] secretary to Jack Dempsey, reports no additional items of interest received; also, that Dempsey is leaving on 4/25/36 for a ten day trip as far as Louisville, Kentucky. b7C

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] New York City, 4/18/36. b7C

DETAILS: Miss [redacted] secretary to JACK DEMPSEY, was contacted by telephone on April 27, 1936, at which time she advised that no letters or other items of interest had been received. She expressed the opinion that Mr. DEMPSEY was inclined to forget about this matter. She also advised that Mrs. DEMPSEY was making a southern trip beginning January April 25, 1936, in connection with the Jack Dempsey Charities and subscription; that he would be making personal appearances in various places; that so far it was intended to visit Wheeling, West Virginia, Evansville, Indiana, Louisville, Kentucky; that he would be gone at least ten days and would travel by train. She promised to promptly advise the New York Bureau Office of any subsequent developments of interests. b7C

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

NEW YORK OFFICE - Will maintain contact with DEMPSEY'S office for later developments.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: R. Mahoney
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June 4, 1936

JAS:LL

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Director

Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Re: [redacted]
[redacted]
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

[redacted]

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[redacted]

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[redacted]

[redacted]

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK N.Y. FILE NO. 7-165 RK

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
NEW YORK, NY	6/6/36	5/29/36	[redacted] b7C

TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
JOAN MARIAN DEMPSEY - Victim

CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No additional threatening letters or other items of interest have been received. Case is being closed, awaiting subsequent developments.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] b7C
New York City, dated [redacted]

DETAILS:

1. Miss [redacted] secretary to Judge DEMPSEY, was contacted by telephone on May 29, 1936, at which time she advised that no further communications had been received at the office of Judge DEMPSEY and that the envelopes and stationery which had been previously received in the mail of Judge DEMPSEY had been exhausted. Miss [redacted] stated that she would advise the Bureau immediately should any additional communications be received in the future.

The case is being closed at this time, subject to being reopened should subsequent developments so warrant.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [redacted] b7C

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

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607 U. S. Court House,
Foley Square,
New York, N.Y.

June 12, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
JOHN HARMAN DEMPSEY - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of June 9, 1936, (Bureau file 7-1581), containing suggestion that [redacted] furnish handwriting specimens and fingerprints for comparison with items previously submitted in the above case. b7C

Special Agent [redacted] who had contact with [redacted] in another case, is definite in his opinion that [redacted] while not being on friendly terms with Jack Dempsey, is not the type to resort to threatening letters or other means of worrying Dempsey. Also, that [redacted] did not appear to be vindictive in his remarks concerning Dempsey. b7C

While the New York Office has previously closed this case for want of leads, it is believed that the possibility of [redacted] being involved is so remote as to warrant asking the Bureau to reconsider its suggestion. b7C

Accordingly, unless further is heard from the Bureau no attempt will be made to re-contact [redacted] b7C

Very truly yours,

E. WHITNEY, Jr.
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
Director

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

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July 9, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: Unknown Subjects;
Jack Dempsey - Victim;
Kidnaping.

This is to advise that Miss [redacted], Secretary to Jack Dempsey, was contacted by telephone by Special Agent [redacted] of the New York office, on May 29, 1936, at which time she advised that Mr. Dempsey and his force had substantially forgotten about this matter; that Mr. Dempsey considered the letters received to have been the work of cranks.

The case was closed under date of June 5, 1936, by the New York City office subject to re-opening in the event subsequent developments so warrant.

Respectfully,

J. L. Smith

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
607 U. S. Court House,
Foley Square,
New York, N.Y.

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August 21, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
JOAN HANNAH DENNEGY - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

There being no further investigation in the above entitled case, same is herewith closed.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Whitley

R. WHITLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
Director

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

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August 16, 1938

7:45 - 4:45 P. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

[redacted] of the United Press called, advising a story had come out of New York to the effect that Jack Dempsey was planning to move from New York to Salt Lake City because of continuous threats to kidnap his children.

In answer to his inquiry I told him I knew nothing whatever concerning the matter and further that the only one who would know was the Director and he was out of the city. The Director was advised of the call.

E. A. TAMM

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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DEMPSEYS BABY UNDER GUARD

Kidnaping Threat Heard

THIS CHARMING young woman is Miss Joan Dempsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dempsey. The baby is being guarded in Atlantic City by detectives and G-men as a result of threats to kidnap her. Mrs. Dempsey, the former Hannah Williams of the musical comedy stage, expects another child in June and has not been informed of the alarm over Joan.

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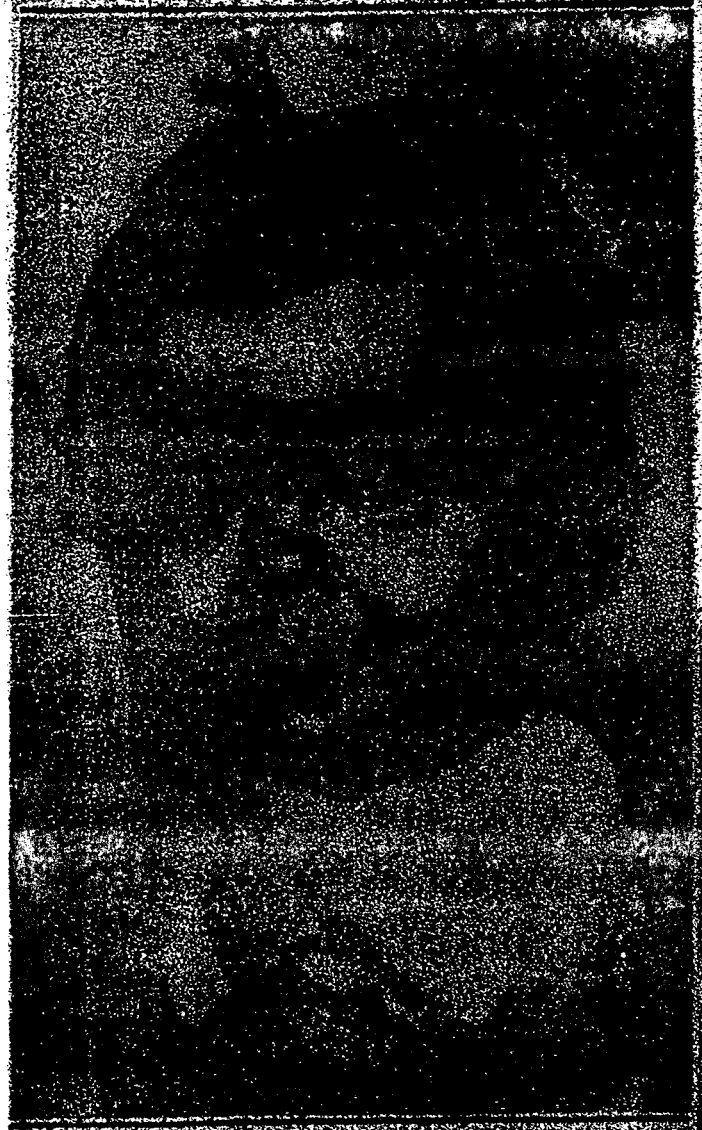
DEMPSEY TIPPED TO KIDNAP PLOT



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Jack Dempsey's Child Guarded By U. S. Agents

Hoover Investigates Plot to Kidnap Ex-Fighter's Baby in N. J.

By the Associated Press.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 9.—The 18-months-old daughter of Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight boxing champion, was guarded by Federal agents, city detectives and an armed attendant today as the Federal Department of Justice investigated a purported kidnap threat.

Dempsey disclosed that J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Justice Department's Bureau of Investigation, had telephoned him not to be alarmed and to let the department do all the worrying.

The former champion professed not to be unduly concerned, but unusual precautions were taken to protect Joan Hannah, the object of the reported kidnap threats.

Armed private guards accompanied the child and nurse on a brief boardwalk stroll. They were trailed by a city detective. At the Dempseys' hotel a Federal agent was on the alert for suspicious characters.

Two postcards, mailed anonymously in Atlantic City last Friday night, reported the alleged abduction plot. The writer of the cards, who addressed them to a newspaper editor and to Detective Capt. Harry Yiller, said he had overheard Dempsey gentlemen discussing kidnap plans on a New York-Atlantic City train.

Dempsey, who has been staying [illegible] his wife, the former Hannah Williams, and the child during alterations to their New York home, was informed of the postcard warning promptly, notifying the Department of Justice. Dempsey kept news of the kidnap tip from his wife, who is expecting another child until today.

He said she was not frightened when he told her but urged that every possible precaution be taken to safeguard their little girl.

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WASH POST
MAR 10 1936

Daddy Scoffs at Kidnap Threat

Jean Plummer Dempsey whose daddy, Jack, the former boxing champ, today scoffed at reports that she was in danger of being kidnaped. She had received a threat letter, but termed it a "hoax from some crank," and refused to be alarmed. After the Dempsey City hotel where the Dempseys are establishing posted special guards over their wife.

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WASH NEWS

MAR 9 1939

EX-CHAMPION'S BABY GUARDED IN KIDNAP THREAT

G-men have taken a hand in the investigation of the warning sent to Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight boxing champion, that a plot is under way to kidnap his baby daughter. Meanwhile, two detectives have been ordered to guard the child in an Atlantic City hotel, where the Dempseys went last week after the elevator incident here. Here are three poses of Baby Joan Dempsey.

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BABY GUARDED BY DEMPSEY

Pictures on Page 4.

ATLANTIC CITY, March 8.—Jack Dempsey said today he isn't worried about kidnap threats which have been directed against his 19-months-old daughter, Joan Hannah.

However, as a precaution, he has

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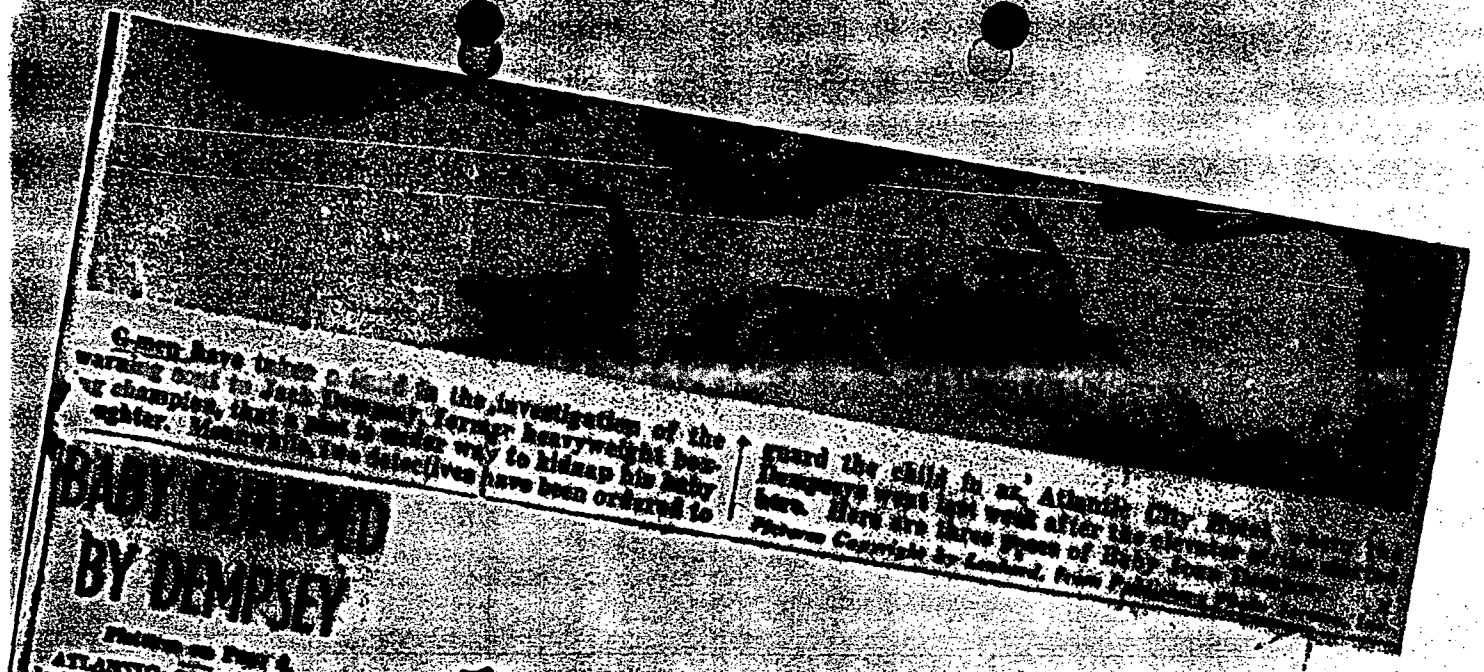

Guard the child in the investigation of the warning sent to Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight boxing champion, that a plot is under way to kidnap the baby daughter. Meanwhile, two detectives have been ordered to guard the child in Atlantic City. Here, Dempsey, right, is with his wife after the christening. Here are three views of Baby Joan. Photos Copyright by Keystone, Acme Photo Service, Inc.

BABY THREATENED BY DEMPSEY

Picture on Page 2.

ATLANTIC CITY, March 2— Jack Dempsey said today he was worried about kidnap threats which have been directed against his 10-months-old daughter, Joan Hannah.

However, as a precaution, he has hired a bodyguard for the child. Two postcards he received, one warning him that "you might as well be planning the kidnaping," have been turned over to the police, he said.

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DETECTIVES GUARD DEMPSEY'S CHILD

Steps Taken by Atlantic City Police on "Tip" of Kidnaping Threat

By the Associated Press.

ATLANTIC CITY, March 9.—Officers investigated reports an anonymous letter disclosing a plot to kidnap Jack Dempsey's 18-month-old daughter Joan Hannah.

Whether the reports were accurate, the officers were prepared to say. Acting Capt. of Detectives James Farley asserted it is probably the work of a crank.

The child, however, was placed under guard at a hotel here where she is staying with her mother.

Farley said that rumors to the effect that Dempsey and a friend had received post cards from an anonymous writer warning of a kidnaping plot against Joan were being investigated.

"As soon as we heard about it," Farley said, "we detailed a couple of our men to the President hotel where the little girl is staying with her mother.

"As far as we've been able to find out," Farley added, "there's nothing to the report. It's probably the work of a crank."

While Farley was reluctant to discuss the case further, he said he had heard rumors that Federal men were investigating. From other source it was learned that two Department of Justice agents had been sent to this city at the instance of local police and were making a searching inquiry into the origin of the alleged plot.

Left Beacon of Strike

Mrs. Dempsey, the former Hannah Williams, Broadway show girl, Joan have been at the [illegible] Pinehurst, Dempsey it was [illegible] established temporary residence [illegible] the duration of the [illegible] strike in New [illegible] understood [illegible] ed to spend his [illegible] walking up and down [illegible] New York Hotel, where [illegible] residing during the [illegible] elevator service. [illegible] has been commuting [illegible] where he has business [illegible]

Dempseys have refused to comment on the threats and in Washington the Department of Justice declined comment. Capt. Farley indicated that interference in the matter was motivated largely by a desire to relieve alarming Mrs. Dempsey, who is an expectant mother.

Post Card Sent to Dempsey

It was learned that Dempsey received the post card in New York warning him that the writer had overheard two Polish gentlemen plan[illegible] to kidnap Joan. A card bearing a similar warning was received by a friend of Dempsey here. The cards bore Atlantic City post marks.

Dempsey, it was learned, immediately went a personal bodyguard from New York to be near his wife and child.

Hotel authorities would not discuss the case. The Dempseys occupy a sumptuous suite in the building, which is located on Albany avenue on the main highway connecting the resort with the mainland.

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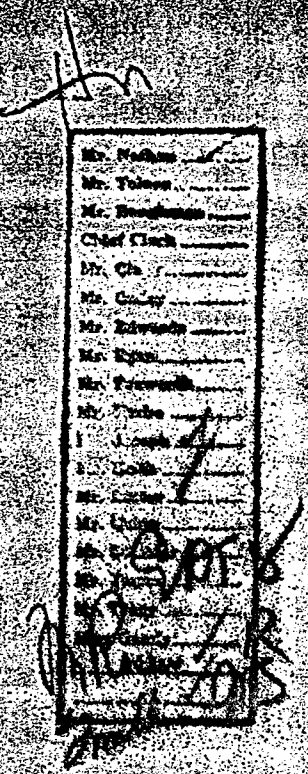
KIDNAPERS FORCE DUMPSEY DOLL TO

Parents Pleas and Police Get Warnings—G-Men Police Investigate.



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Boston Herald

3-9-36

JACK DEMPSEY'S CHILD GUARDED

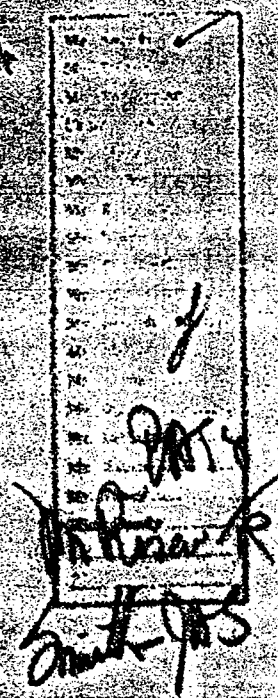
Agents and Police Probe Alleged Kidnap Plot to Seize Daughter

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 8 (AP)—Federal agents and local police were report investigating tonight an alleged kidnaping threat made against Joan Hannah, 19-months-old daughter of Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight boxing champion.

The child is reported under guard in a suite at a local hotel where her mother, the former Hannah Williams, also is living.

The precautions were taken, it was learned, after a friend of Dempsey and Jack himself, had received postcards on which an anonymous writer warned them that "two Polish gentlemen" were overheard planning the kidnaping.

Dempsey, it was learned, received his card in New York. The former champion [illegible] and [illegible] Atlantic City [illegible]



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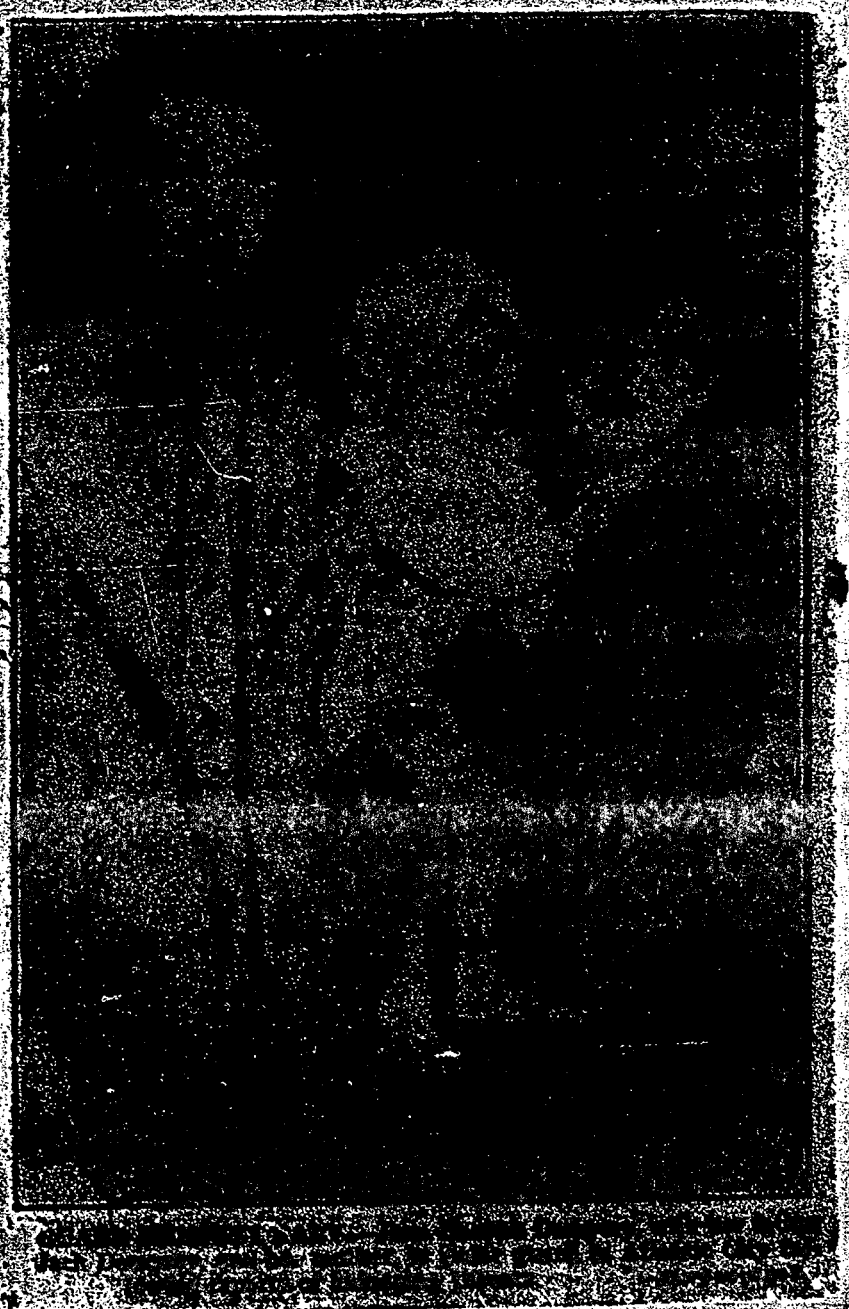

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DEMPSEY BABY JOAN GUARDED

(Special to The Times)

Atlantic City, N. J., March 9.—A close guard was placed around Jack Dempsey's 19-month-old daughter, Joan Hennie, today following the report of a plot to kidnap the child.

As Acting Capt. of Det. James Farley detailed two of his crack detectives to the hotel where Baby Joan is staying with her mother, it was learned

New York Evening Post photo.

GUARD JOAN FROM KIDNAP CONSPIRACY

(Continued from page 1)

William, Broadway showgirl, and Jack have been at the hotel since Friday. Dempsey is with heavyweight champion Max Baer, who has established training quarters here for the fighter at the request of employer Arthur Donovan, New York sports promoter.

SEEK IMPORTANT WITNESS

It is understood that Dempsey wanted to spare his wife the effort of walking up and down the aisles at the New York hotel where they had been residing during the past week. Dempsey is also reported to have been anxious to get his baby out of New York, where he has been [illegible]

[illegible] that federal men were investigating the source of the supposed plot.

Police and federal agents acted immediately after an anonymous tip disclosed the plans of the abductors. It was said that Jack Dempsey and a friend had received several warnings by postcards written by an unknown person.

"As soon as we heard about the plot, we detailed two of our men to the hotel to guard the child," said Capt. Farley. "So far we've been able to learn, now there is nothing to the report. But we are taking no chances."

While Farley was reluctant to discuss the case further, he said he had heard "rumors" that federal men were investigating. From other sources it was learned that two department of justice agents had been sent to this city at the behest of local police and were aiding a detective bureau [illegible] into the origin [illegible]

CHICAGO DAILY TIMES
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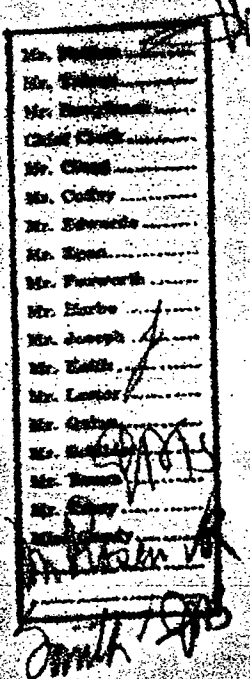
DEMPSEY BABY THREATENED



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CHICAGO DAILY TIMES
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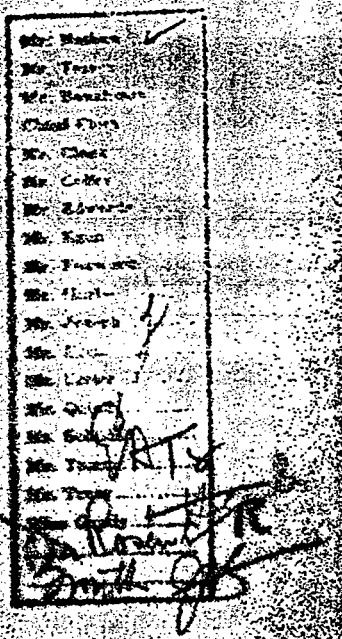
Kidnap Plot On Dempsey Baby Bared

Will Ever Under Guard

for Life, Dock

Admits Tip



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[redacted] DEFENSE DECLARES

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Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Beardsmith
Colonel Clark
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Conley
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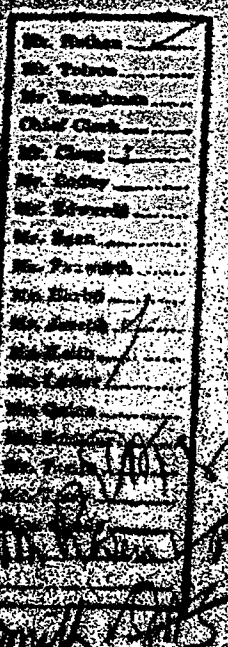
PLOT TO KIDNAP DEMPSEY BABY?



THE CHICAGO AMERICAN

Dempsey Baby Saved From Kidnaping Plot

Jack Dempsey with his wife, the former Hannah Williams, and their young daughter, Joan Hannah Dempsey. Heavy guard of federal agents and Atlantic City police stood guard over child last night following kidnap threat.

Kept From Jack's Wife.

But officers and bodyguard trod softly around the apartment, for not a hint of the plot was permitted to reach Mrs. Dempsey's ears. She is expecting another child, reportedly in June.

Dempsey doubled the precautions against shock to his wife by ordering all telephone calls intercepted at the switchboard of the President Hotel, where they are quartered.

New York's elevator strike drove Dempsey and his family out of their home town last Thursday. Seeking security from strike troubles, they came to the shore and put up first at the Ritz-Carlton. They moved a few hours later to the President.

Warning of the abduction conspiracy came the next day. An unsigned postcard, addressed to Dempsey in New York, conveyed the message. An associate in New York, it was understood, relayed the warning to Dempsey. At the same time, a similar postcard was received by an Atlantic City friend of Jack's, whose name has not been disclosed.

Both messages bore the same warning. They said the writer overheard two men in a discussion of the plot against the infant aboard a New York-Atlantic City train.

Plotters Talked Polish.

The conspirators, according to the informant, talked in Polish. The messages gave no details of the plot, according to report.

Promptly, Dempsey communicated the warning to the G-Men and Atlantic City police. While the investigation was pushed, a successful three-day censorship was clamped down by the authorities. A leak finally broke it tonight.

Jack and Hannah—the former cheerful little earful of the Broadway stage—were married July 19, 1925, in Ellis, Nev. They fooled their friends by announcing the ceremony would be performed in Reno. Then they motored across the desert from Salt Lake City during the night and had the knot tied by an Ellis justice of the peace.

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Little Joan was born in New York Aug. 4, 1926. Jack was just as happy as if he hadn't hoped it might be a boy. At first the parents wouldn't permit pictures of the child, for fear of just such kidnaping plots as the one now disclosed.

Jack's Two Wives.

Jack's marriage to Hannah was the third. He and his first wife, separated in 1927, were divorced in Chicago. The ex-champion's second wife was Estelle Taylor, movie actress. They were divorced in Reno in 1931.

Dempsey divorced [illegible] in Reno in 1935. [illegible] Kansas City [illegible] Reno [illegible]

DEMPSEY BABY SAVED FROM KIDNAPING PLOT

Special to The News

Atlantic City, N. J., March 8.—A kidnap plot against the infant daughter of
Dempsey was disclosed tonight. Guns of G-Men and police defended a Boardwalk
flat occupied by the ex-heavyweight champ, his wife, the former Hannah Williams,
ray actress, and the menaced child, Joan Hannah, 19 months old.

An anonymous tipster who overheard two men plotting the abduction
fighter and New
restaurant operator
guard against the kid
Postal inspectors
reported seeking the
in a quiet but in
effort to pick up
trail of the conspirators.

Covering their operations
with equal secrecy, the Fed-
eral Bureau of Investigation
assigned two operatives to
the case and the Atlantic City
police department detailed
two detectives after Dempsey
made personal appeals for
protection.

NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

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DEMPSEY BABY HURRIED HOME

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Mar. 10 (INS)—Jack Dempsey, his wife, the former Hannah Williams, and their 19-month-old daughter, Joan, left here unexpectedly early today for New York City.

The departure of the ex-champion and his family, who have been recipients of alleged kidnap threats, was disclosed when two Atlantic City detectives, assigned to guard the Dempsey baby, reported back at headquarters.

WASH TIMES
MAR 10 1936

INDIANAPOLIS NEWS
March 9, 1936

DEMPSEY KIDNAP PLOT IS PROBED

Former Heavyweight Champion's Baby Daughter Guarded After Anonymous "Tip."

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 9 (A.P.)—Officers investigated today an anonymous "tip" purporting to disclose a plot to kidnap Jack Dempsey's nineteen-month-old daughter, Joan Hannah.

Whether the "tip" was accurate, officers were unprepared to say. James Farley, acting captain of detectives, asserted it is probably the work of a crank.

The child, however, was placed under guard at a hotel here where she is staying with her mother.

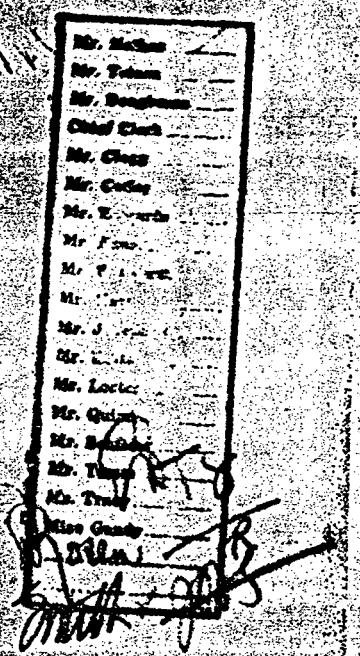
Farley said "rumors to the effect" that Dempsey and a friend had received postcards from an anonymous writer, warning of a kidnapping plot against Joan, were being investigated.

"As soon as we heard about it," Farley said, "we detailed a couple of our men to the hotel where the little girl is staying with her mother."

Farley said he had heard "rumors" that federal men were investigating. From other sources it was learned that two department of justice agents had been sent to this city at the instance of local police and were making a searching inquiry into the alleged plot.

Mrs. Dempsey, the former Hannah Williams, Broadway show girl, and Joan have been at the hotel since Friday. Dempsey, it was learned, has established temporary residence here for the purposes of the suit he has instituted against Jack Kearns in New York.

The former champion has been commuting to New York, where he has business interests.



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PITTSBURGH SUN - TELEGRAPH

March 9, 1936

DEMPSEY BABY GUARDED

JACK DEMPSEY ... HOLDING LAUGHING JOAN HANNAH

Dempsey, former fighting champion, with his baby daughter, who today was being guarded in an Atlantic City hotel. Mrs. Dempsey, the former Hannah Williams of the stage, was in seclusion with the child following a "flu" of an almost fatal type.

Dempsey Baby Plot Target

International News Service

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 9 Detectives have been assigned to guard Joan Dempsey, baby daughter of Jack Dempsey, former world heavyweight champion, as a result of kidnaping threats police disclosed today.

Two G-men also are investigating the threats, it was said.

Dempsey and his wife, the former Hannah Williams, and their baby daughter came to Atlantic City from New York Thursday because of the building service employes' strike. They registered at a beachfront hotel.

Friday, Dempsey and a local associate each received postcards which described a conversation between two men on a train bound from New York to Atlantic City.

The anonymous postcard writer said the men spoke in a code language, which he knew, and were discussing a plot to kidnap the ex-fighter's child.

Dempsey and Family Return With Guard

THREATENED INFANT AND MOTHER
Joan Hannah Dempsey and Her Mother, the Former Hannah Williams, Actress

G-MEN WILL 'DO THE WORRYING'

CRANKS UP?

As a result of publicity following upon disclosure of kidnap warnings, Jack Dempsey brought his wife and their 19-months-old daughter, Joan Hannah, home from Atlantic City last night.

The family motored to New York followed by another auto containing a bodyguard.

The supposed plot to kidnap the baby was disclosed to Atlantic City police and a newspaper editor in an anonymously written postcard. The writer said he overheard two Polish gentlemen discussing the kidnap plans on a train.

Whether the message was the work of a crank or not, the hotel where the Dempseys had been staying was flooded with telephone calls and telegrams after the former heavyweight champion had notified Federal agents. He was told to let them "do the worrying."

Mrs. Dempsey, the former Hannah Williams, is to become a mother in June.

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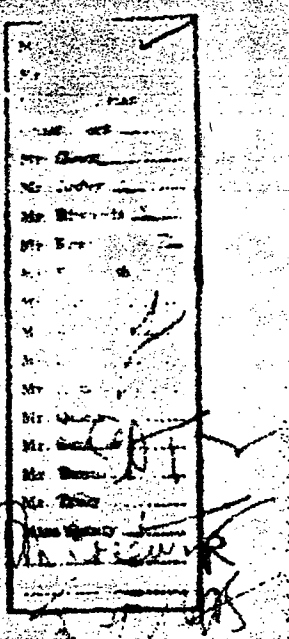
U. S. GUARDS DEMPSEY BABY IN NEW YORK HOME

New York, March 10 (AP).—A 11 month-old young lady, Joan Hannah Dempsey, with a smile very much like her father's, was back here today after a week-end trip to Atlantic City, and near her crib was stationed an agent of the department of justice's bureau of investigation.

Her father, Jack, the former heavyweight boxing champion, expressed a contempt for kidnapers, real or imagined, by whom the baby was reported to have been threatened. He announced he had received three threatening letters and had kept the news from his wife for three months.

Dempsey quoted his wife, the former Hannah Williams, as saying Jack, Jr., was [illegible]. "I don't [illegible] every precaution," J. Edgar Hoover, head of the investigation bureau, has assigned investigators to the case.



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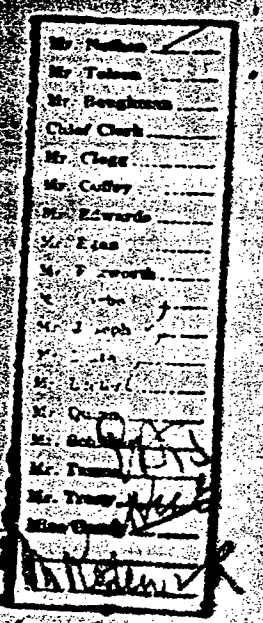
Letters Threaten Dempsey Baby

U. S. Agents Guard Former Champion's Daughter

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 8.—(AP)—Federal agents and police tonight were reported investigating an alleged kidnaping threat against Joan Hannah, 18-months-old daughter of Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight champion.

The child, it reported, is under guard in a local suite where her mother, the former Hannah Williams, also is living.

The precautions were taken after a friend of Dempsey, not Jack himself, had received letters in which the extortionist writer warned that "you better gentlemen" were prepared paying the kidnapers.



CHICAGO HERALD & EXAMINER

Dempsey Baby Guarded from Kidnaping Plot

Atlantic City, N. J., March 9.—(AP)—Guards maintained a watch near the hotel suite of Mrs. Jack Dempsey and her 19-month-old daughter, Joan Hannah, today, while the former heavyweight champion explained that anonymous postcards had warned "a friend" of a purported plot to kidnap the baby.

Dempsey said he had no direct evidence of the purported plot himself, but police continued their intensive investigation of the reports, and the guards remained on duty near the child and her mother, the former Hannah Williams.

Explaining the police precautions, Dempsey said they were taken after an Atlantic City friend, whose name was not disclosed, had received the kidnap plot postcards from an anonymous person.

Plans Overheard.

The postcard writer, Dempsey said, wrote he had heard two men described as "Polish gentlemen" laying plans for the kidnaping as they rode toward Atlantic City on a train from New York.

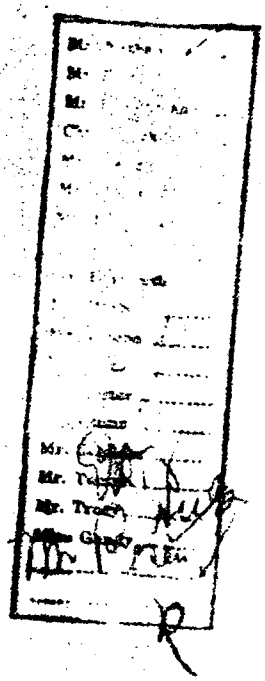
Dempsey said he had received no such card himself since he came here last week with his wife and child. The Dempseys plan to remain at their hotel here until the New York building strike is settled.

Police working on the postcard kidnap "tip" were not prepared to say definitely whether it was worthy of credence. Acting Captain of Detectives Farley said: "It is probably the work of a crank."

U. S. Agents Sent to City.

It was learned that two department of justice agents had been sent to this city at the instance of local police.

Mrs. Dempsey, the former Hannah Williams, Broadway show girl, and Joan have been at the hotel since Friday. Dempsey has established temporary residence here for the duration of the building service employees' strike in New York.



CHICAGO DAILY NEWS

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KIDNAPERS PERIL DEMPSEY BABY

Threat Sent Ex-Champion

Bodyguard Watching Wife and Child

U.S. INVESTIGATES

Note Warns of Plot Overheard

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The child is reported under guard in a suite at a local hotel, where her mother, the former Hannah Williams, also is living.

The precautions were taken, it was learned, after Jack and one of his friends each had received postcards on which an unknown writer warned them "some foolish gentleman" were going to attempt stealing the kidnaping

U. S. INVESTIGATES

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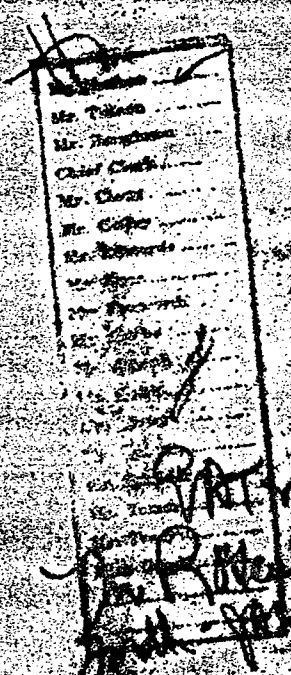

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LOS ANGELES EXAMINER

Kidnap Threat to Dempsey

19-Month-Old Joan Declared Periled

U. S. INVESTIGATES

Bodyguard Watching Wife and Baby

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 5.—(AP)—Federal agents and local police were reported investigating tonight an alleged kidnaping threat made against Joan Hanna, 19-month-old daughter of Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight boxing champion.

The child is reported under guard in a suite at a local hotel, where her mother, the former Hannah Williams, also is living.

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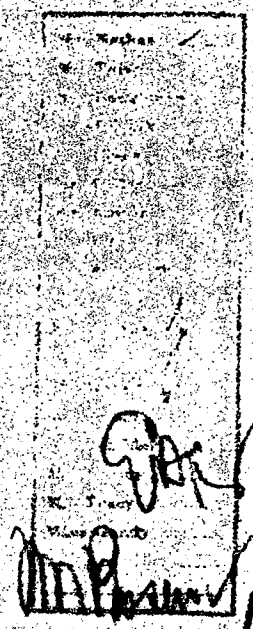

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Kidnap Threat Sent Dempsey; Daughter Is Put Under Guard

Police, Department of Justice Probe Note Warning Former Champion of Plot Against Baby

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 9 (AP)—Officers investigated today an anonymous "tip" purporting to disclose a plot to kidnap Jack Dempsey's 19-months-old daughter, Joan Hannah. Whether the "tip" was accurate, the officers were unprepared to say.

The child, however, was placed under guard at a hotel here, where she is staying with her mother.

Acting Captain of Detectives James Farley admitted today that "rumors to the effect" that Dempsey and a friend had received postcards from an anonymous writer warning of a kidnaping plot against Joan were being investigated.

"As soon as we heard about it," Farley said, "we detailed a couple of our men to the hotel where the little girl is staying with her mother."

"As far as we've been able to find out," he added, "there's nothing to the report. It is probably the work of a crank."

The department of justice agents have been sent to this city and are making a searching inquiry into the origins of the alleged plot.

Mrs. Dempsey, the former Hannah Williams, Broadway showgirl, and Joan have been at the hotel since Friday.

The Dempseys have refused to discuss the threats and the department of justice declined comment. Captain Farley indicated that police reticence was motivated by a desire to avoid alarming Mrs. Dempsey, who is an expectant mother.

Dempsey received the postcards in New York, warning him that the writer had overheard "two gentlemen" planning to kidnap Joan.

SALT LAKE TELEGRAM
3-9-36

Submitted by the SAC
Salt Lake City

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Dempsey baby kidnap plot just hoax

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 9.—(UP)—A kidnap threat aimed at his 19-month-old daughter Joan, was only a "hoax," Jack Dempsey said today.

The former heavyweight champion called a postcard demanding a kidnap plot "the work of a crank."

"There's nothing to it," Dempsey said. "They're usually sent with phonies every time there has been a real threat."

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Los Angeles Daily News
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GET KIDNAP THREAT

THE JACK DEMENT FAMILY

WISCONSIN NEWS
MARCH 9, 1956.

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DEMPSEY DAUGHTER KIDNAP PLOT PROBED

KIDNAP PLOT PROBED

Federal agents today turned their forces in Atlantic City to investigate a reported kidnaping plot against Joan Hannah Dempsey, 18-month-old daughter of Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight champ, and his wife, the former Hannah Williams of stage fame. Photo shows the Dempseys with their baby. Officers said the threats might be the works of cranks.

By Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May [illegible] maintained a watch [illegible] hotel suite of Mrs. [illegible] Dempsey and her 18-month-old [illegible] Joan Hannah, [illegible] the former heavyweight champion explained that secret service men had warned a [illegible] purported plot to [illegible] the baby.

Dempsey said he had no [illegible] of the purported plot but [illegible] the guards remained [illegible] near the child and [illegible] mother, the former Hannah [illegible] Williams.

Dempsey said police precautions were taken after an Atlantic City [illegible] whose name was not disclosed, had received the kidnap plot from an anonymous person.

The prizefighter-writer Dempsey said he had heard two men described as Polish gentlemen having plans for the kidnaping aboard [illegible] bound for Atlantic City on a train from New York.

Acting Captain of Detectives Farley said: "It is probably the work of a crank. Two department of justice men are aiding the investigation.

The Dempseys are staying in Atlantic City during the New York elevator strike.

LOS ANGELES HERALD-EXPRESS

MAY [illegible] 1930

U. S. Agent Guarding Jack Dempsey's Baby

NEW YORK, March 19 — (AP)— Nineteen months old Joan Hannah Dempsey was back in New York today after a weekend trip to Atlantic City, and near her crib was stationed an agent of the department of justice's bureau of investigation.

Her father, Jack, former heavyweight boxing champion, expressed contempt for kidnapers by whom the baby was reported to have been threatened.

He said he had received threatening letters, but had kept the news from his wife for three months.

Wisconsin News
March 20, 1932

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CARDS TELL EX-CHAMP OF PERIL TO CHILD

Plot Is Overheard by Informant; Police, G-Men on Job.

By International News Service.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 9—Detectives have been assigned to guard Joan Dempsey, tiny daughter of Jack Dempsey, former world's heavyweight champion, as a result of kidnaping threats, police disclosed today.

Two G-men also have been assigned to investigate the threats, it was said.

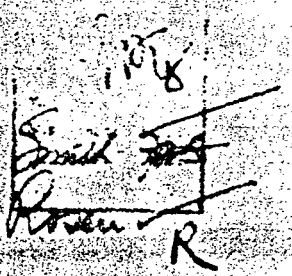
Dempsey and his wife, the former Hannah Williams, and their daughter came to Atlantic City from New York Thursday because of the building service employes' strike and registered at a Beachfront hotel.

RECEIVE POSTCARDS

Dempsey and a local associate Friday received postcards which described a conversation between two men on a train bound from New York to Atlantic City. The anonymous postcard writer said the men spoke in a foreign language which he understood, and were discussing a plot to kidnap the ex-fighter's child.

Both cards were turned over to police, who notified the federal authorities in Washington.

Mrs. Dempsey, who is expecting another child in June, was not told of the warnings.



WISCONSIN NEWS
MARCH 9, 1936.

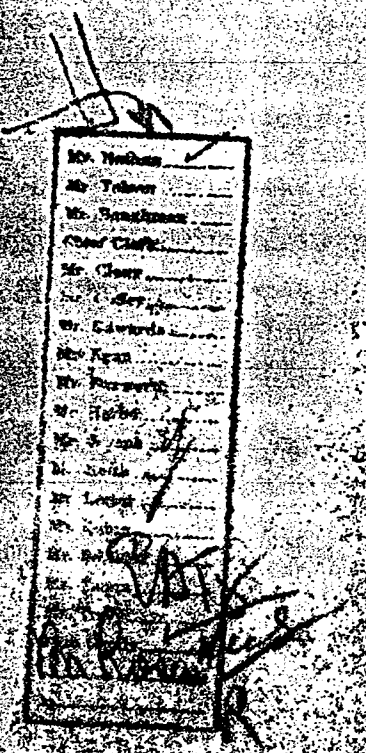
DEMPSEYS WARNED OF KIDNAPING

ATLANTIC CITY, (N. J.) March 8. (AP)—Federal agents and local police were reported investigating tonight an asserted kidnaping threat made against Joan Hannah, 18-months-old daughter of Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight boxing champion.

The child is reported under guard in a suite at the local hotel where her mother, the former Hannah Williams, also is living.

The precautions were taken, it was learned, after a friend of Dempsey and Jack himself, had received post cards on which an anonymous writer warned them that Nazi Bund sympathizers were planning the kidnaping.

The former champion brought his wife and baby here last week from Utah. They are the guests of the movie magnate and his wife in their villa.



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LOS ANGELES TIMES

Kidnaping Threats At Dempsey Baby

Ex-Fighter's Wife and Infant Daughter Closely Guarded

ATLANTIC CITY, March 8.—Mrs. Jack Dempsey, wife of the former heavyweight boxing champion, and her 19-months-old daughter, Joan, were under guard at a hotel here tonight, following kidnaping threats.

Federal agents and local police began an investigation, while a bodyguard sent by Dempsey from New York paced the corridors outside the Dempsey hotel suite.

The precautions were taken. It was learned after Dempsey and one of his friends in New York received post cards on which an anonymous writer warned them that "two Polish gentlemen" had been overheard planning the kidnaping.

Mr. Dempsey and Mrs. Dempsey refused to comment.

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Formerly the New York Globe

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GUARD STILL WATCHES DEMPSEY'S BABY HERE

Hoover Tells Former Champion to "Let the Department of Justice Do All the Worrying.

Jack Dempsey, his wife, the former Hannah Williams, and their 19-months-old daughter, Joan Hannah, were back home in the Dempsey apartment at 25 Central Park W. today, their Atlantic City visit cut short by the publicity that followed the alleged kidnap threats made against the baby.

Although the threats were designated officially as a probable hoax, federal agents under J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Bureau of Identification, Department of Justice, were investigating the matter. An armed guard also was watching the infant in the city.

The former heavyweight champion said that Mr. Hoover told him to "let the department do all the worrying."

Mr Tracy
Miss Gandy

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BINGHAMTON (N.Y.) PRESS
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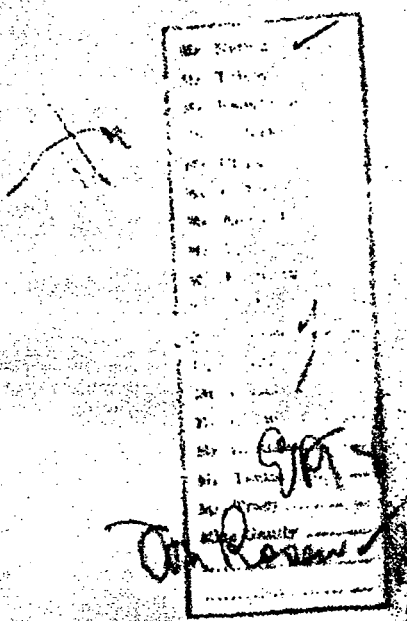
Dempsey Goes Back to N. Y. After Threat

Former Champion Takes His Family and Flees to Atlantic City

Atlantic City, N. J., March 10—(INS)—Threats of kidnaping directed at his 19-months-old daughter, Joan, today had led Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight titleholder to hasten back to New York with his family.

Accompanied by his wife, the former Hannah Williams, and their child, Dempsey left his beachfront hotel by a rear entrance and fled in his automobile waiting at the curb. The Dempsey car was followed by another containing several men, said identified as his bodyguard and the others believed to be Federal agents.

The former heavyweight's flight from the city—where he had come to escape the inconvenience of New York's elevator strike—apparently discounted his statement he considered the threats the work of cranks. Police were called in when he received an unsigned postal card declaring that the men had been overheard plotting the abduction.



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San Francisco EXAMINER
March 9, 1936

Jack Dempsey's Baby Is Guarded From Kidnapers

ATLANTIC CITY (N. J.), March 8—(AP)—Federal agents and local police were reported investigating tonight an alleged kidnaping threat made against Joan Hannah, 15-months-old daughter of Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight boxing champion.

The child is reported under guard in a suite at a local hotel.

The precautions were taken, it was learned, after a friend of Dempsey and Jack himself had received post cards on which an alleged writer [illegible] that "the public purchases were extremely possibly [illegible] risk.

[illegible] received the cards [illegible] Dempsey arranged [illegible] wife and child here last week from New York for the opening of the spring season [illegible] Hall [illegible]

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San Francisco EXAMINER
March 12, 1936

Kidnaping Threats

Dempsey Bows To Uncle Sam

G-MEN GUARD BABY

MRS. JACK DEMPSEY, BABY JOAN.
Latest Picture of Ex-Champion's Family

U. S. INSISTS ON GIVING BABY PROTECTION

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 11.—Jack Dempsey is the baby fighting to let Uncle Sam do the worrying for him. The former heavyweight champion has agreed to let the Department of Justice G-Men guard young Joan Hannah Dempsey, his daughter, following mysterious kidnaping threats.

Dempsey, who came here with his baby and his wife, the former Hannah Williams of the stage, was inclined to believe the messages he received were the work of cranks, but J. Edgar Hoover, head G-Man, was taking no chances. He ordered a guard

The Dempseys came to Atlan City because of alterations their New York City hom Dempsey had not informed h wife of the threats because sh is expecting another child. Whe told, however, she showed litt concern.

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JOAN DEMPSEY—Jack's daughter, 9 well guarded against kidnapers.

Crime

Dempsey

Kidnapers Beware!

Shunning strike-torn Manhattan and the Broadway bright lights, the Dempseys, Ex-Prize Fighter Jack, his wife, the former Hanna Williams of the silver screen, and 18-month-old daughter, Joan, arrived in Atlantic City for some privacy and peace.

An anonymous postcard momentarily shattered their calm. The writer vouched for the fact that he had overheard two foreigners conversing in a language which he understood, discussing a plan to kidnap the infant child.

Police jumped into action. Miss Maggie Brown, of Uncle Sam's crack Bureau of Investigation, and two men down to investigate the story. The sleuths are still [illegible] a job.

Dempsey alone was confident. Planning the kidnap plot "the easier of a crook," the former heavyweight champion complained:

"They've placed several guards [illegible] but we don't [illegible]

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DEMPSEYS RETURN; BABY JOAN GUARDED

G-Men on Watch After Kidnap Tip

[illegible] Hannah Dempsey are back home today content to follow Edgar Hoover's advice and let Federal sleuths do the worrying about kidnap threats against their daughter Joan, fourteen months old. They moved to their apartment at 25 Central Park West late yesterday from Atlantic City accompanied by an armed guard. The former heavyweight champ seemed unalarmed at the anonymous postcard tip to the shore resort that a plot was afoot to kidnap his child.

While the Dempseys, police and G-Men regard the tip as the work of a crank, all precautions are being taken to safeguard the youngster.

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THREATS MAKE DEMPSEY ILL.

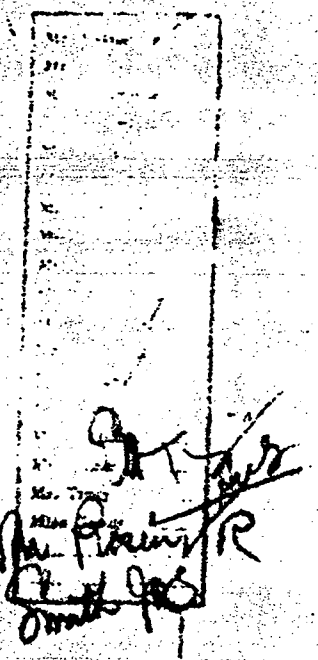
For 3 Months, Ex-Champion Sought to Conceal Kidnaping Notes.

By The Star's Leased Wire Service.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 9.—Jack Dempsey, former world heavyweight champion, was under a physician's care here today after he revealed receipt of a series of mysterious kidnaping warnings by postcard involving his 18-month-old daughter, Joan, to his wife, the former Hannah Williams of the stage.

For three months the ex-pugilist tried to keep Mrs. Dempsey, who is expecting another baby in June, ignorant of the situation. But on the insistence of J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, Jack let the facts be known this morning.

The former actress accepted the revelation bravely at breakfast in their suite in a board walk hotel.



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ROCHESTER (N.Y.) TIMES-UNION

2/10/36

G-MAN GUARDS DEMPSEY GIRL

Father Expresses Contempt for Kidnapers —3 Letters

New York—(AP)—A 19-months-old young lady, Joan Hannah Dempsey, with a smile very much like her father's was back in New York today after a trip to Atlantic City, and near her crib was stationed an agent of the Department of Justice's Bureau of Investigation.

Her father, Jack, the former heavyweight boxing champion, expressed a contempt for kidnapers, real or imagined, by whom the baby was reported to have been threatened in a series of letters. He announced he had received three threatening letters, but had kept the news from his wife for three months.

They went to Atlantic City Saturday, ostensibly to escape the inconveniences of the elevator strike in New York.

Dempsey quoted his wife, the former Hannah Williams, as saying: "Jack, I'm not afraid. Don't worry. But do take every precaution."

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Investigation Bureau, has assigned [illegible] to the case.

Gov Rowe
Smith

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G-Men Come To Aid the Dempseys

Their Baby Is Threatened

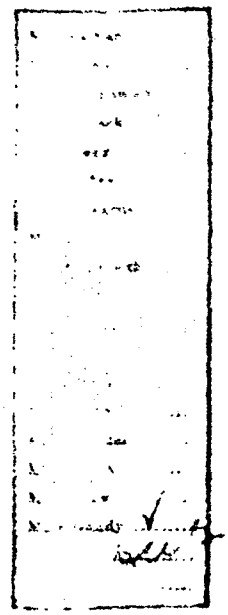
G-MEN DO KIDNAP WORRY FOR JACK

ATLANTIC CITY.—Evidence that G-Men are helping guard chubby little Joan Hannah Dempsey from possible kidnaping was given by her father, Jack, former world's heavyweight champion, yesterday.

"I spoke to J. Edgar Hoover (head of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice) and he told me not to worry, to let the Department do the worrying," Jack said.

"Personally I'm not disturbed. I think the two postal card warnings are the work of a crank, but then you never can tell what a crank will do."

Mrs. Dempsey, the former Hannah Williams and one-time wife of Edgar Wolfe Kahn, expects another child in June.



MAR 10

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Dempsey Baby Back Home Under Guard

With an avowed contempt for kidnapers—but with an armed guard in his car—Jack Dempsey returned home last night with his wife and 19-months-old daughter Joan from Atlantic City.

He said he thought he could foil any attempt to kidnap the baby, about whom he had received those warning letters. For three months he had kept any intimation of the threatened abduction from Mrs. Dempsey, the former Hannah Williams, who is expecting another baby in June.

At the insistence of J. Edgar Hoover, head G-Man, he told her Saturday morning in Atlantic City. They had gone there Saturday, ostensibly to escape the tie-up of the elevator strike. Mrs. Dempsey proved unafraid.

"Jack," she said, "I'm not afraid. Don't worry. But do take every precaution."

Then she chatted for a few minutes with reporters, manifesting interest in the possibility that Mr. Harold G. Hoffman may grant a second reprieve to Bruno Richard Hauptmann, kidnap-murderer of Baby Charles Augustus Lindbergh Jr.

Hunterdon, Hauptmann, following a

(© 1935 by W. Lanford from A.P.)

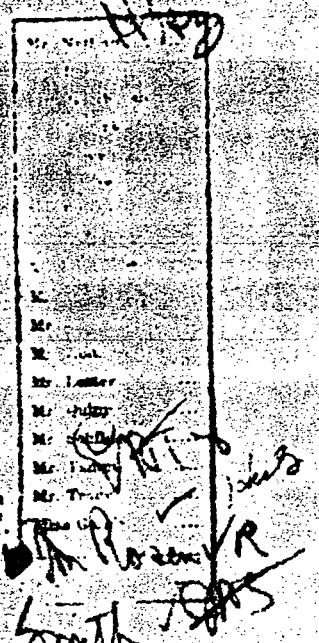
Joan Hannah Dempsey

Armed guard protects her

telephone conference with Dempsey from the Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters in Washington, D. C., assigned additional agents to the investigation. George Griffin, a G-Man from the Trenton, N. J., office, already had been detailed to protect Mrs. Dempsey and her baby. In addition, two Atlantic City detectives have maintained a twenty-four-hour-a-day watch in the lobby of the hotel.

While Jack at times attempted to discount the three warnings of a kidnap plot as either a hoax or the brainstorm of a crank, his whole attitude was one of anxious concern. He admitted his hurried departure from New York City early Saturday was due to the fact that two of the warnings were mailed in Atlantic City Friday evening.

Dr. Clarence Andrews, house physician at the Hotel President, was called in to attend Dempsey for "nervous indigestion"—a common disorder, he said, of persons [illegible] manual labor. Jack himself [illegible] and described instead [illegible] was a "touch of glandulitis."



NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

MAR 1936

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CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER 3/9/38

Dempsey Kidnap Threat Is Probed

ATLANTIC CITY, March 8.—(AP)—Federal agents and local police were reported investigating tonight an alleged kidnaping threat made against Joan Hannah, fifteen-month-old daughter of Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight boxing champion.

While authorities were inclined to regard the incident as the work of a crank, it is known that two federal agents have been sent to the city to investigate.

From authoritative sources it was learned that Dempsey has sent a bodyguard from New York to be near his wife and child.

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Blackmail Net Near Dempsey

[illegible] name of Jack Dempsey, former world's heavyweight champion, was drawn into the expose of the blackmail racket yesterday. Assistant District Attorneys investigating the racket that has plagued many of the city's prominent men disclosed they will question Dempsey to determine whether he was ever approached by practitioners of the shakedown game.

Assistant District Attorneys Hastings and Sullivan received word that Dempsey was once acquainted with Diana Rose Griffith, whose name was bracketed with that of Max D. Krone, private sleuth, and who once starred in a one hundred thousand dollar breach of promise "balm" suit. Krone and A. Henry Ross, lawyer, are awaiting on examination charges brought by Alfred E. Smith, Jr., who charges that he was "shaken down" for $12,000 [illegible] $10,000 more in notes because they threatened to "ruin him" by exposing his alleged "one hour acquaintance" with a pretty young secretary.

Jack Dempsey.

According to the tip the Assistant District Attorneys received, Miss Griffith in 1933 boasted to Krone that she "had dinner dates with Dempsey in Cleveland" where he was appearing and that she was heartbroken that he had later spurned her. The assistant prosecutors want to know if, on the basis of this ephemeral "knife and fork" acquaintanceship with Miss Griffith, Dempsey was ever approached by blackmailers. Miss Griffith, it was said, used Donald Maxwell, daughter of pugilism, who how-hawed at the charges, fought the case and never forked over a penny.

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New York Daily Mirror

MAY 28 1935

JACK DEMPSEY SHUNS PROBE

NEW YORK, May 22 (INS)—From Lancaster, Pa., Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight champion, sent word today that he was unacquainted with Blanca Rose Griffith, whose name has been linked with that of Max Krone, one of the two men under indictment for allegedly extorting more than $12,000 from Alfred E. Smith, jr.

Miss Griffith, who once figured in a $100,000 breach of promise suit, was said to have boasted to Krone of her friendship with Dempsey.

When Dempsey was contacted in Lancaster, where he went to referee a fight, he said:

"I don't know the girl. I know nothing about any plans to question me at the district attorney's office. I know nothing about the blackmail inquiry. I'm simply here to referee a fight and I'm minding my own business."

Assistant District Attorneys Hastings and Sullivan said that in 1933 Miss Griffith told Krone she and Dempsey had had dates in Cleveland and that she was sorry he had later married.

Miss Griffith sued Donald Maxwell, advertising designer, for $100,000 in heart balm, but failed to collect anything.

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WASH. TIMES

MAY 22 1935

SECOND GIRL BORN TO DEMPSEYS

Former Champ Elated Even Though He Gets No Sparring Partner

NEW YORK, Aug. 28 (U.P.) — A eight-pound, 9-ounce girl was born to Mrs. Jack Dempsey, wife of the former heavyweight champion, at Polyclinic Hospital tonight.

The mother, the former Hannah Williams, of the stage, and daughter were "doing fine."

This is the second child and second girl of the couple.

Mrs. Dempsey was taken to the hospital at 7 p. m. She was attended by Dr. E. M. Hawks and Dr. E. H. Denman. Dr. Hawks said:

"The baby is doing wonderfully. She is a fine healthy specimen. Mrs. Dempsey has not come to herself completely yet, but she went through it in grand style and there is no concern for her condition."

The Dempsey's first girl was born August 4, 1934, and named Joan Hannah after her mother. said the elated Dempsey:

"We haven't decided on a name for this one yet. It sure is great to get it over and know they are both doing so well. I [illegible] now. I'll tell you more about it later."

MR. AND MRS. JACK DEMPSEY AND JOAN HANNAH
Former Hannah Williams, of the Stage, With the "Manassa Mauler" and First [illegible]

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AUG 29 1936

R. E. JCSR

DEMPSEY DENIES HE'LL QUIT N. Y.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Broadway and the boxing world was alarmed today over the story that Jack Dempsey was packing up to leave the city, lock, stock and barrel, to return to his native home in the Far West.

The report came on the heels of a kidnap scare which the Manassa Mauler laughed off. Dispatches from Salt Lake City, Utah, however, quoted Dempsey's mother, Mrs. Cecilia Dempsey, as saying her son would build a new home in the Purple Sage State and settle there.

Dempsey's mother said the victim of the Chicago long count would sell the old Dempsey place in Salt Lake City. He will bring his wife, the former Hannah Williams, and his two daughters, Joan Hannah, 4, and Barbara Judith, 2, to the new homestead. She said he would retain his interest in the famous Broadway steak parlor that bears his name.

Regarding the kidnap scare and the rumors he would move to Utah, Dempsey said:

"There's nothing to it."

But the former ring king

Dempsey Defies Kidnap Report

"WE'RE STAYING RIGHT IN NEW YORK!" SAYS MRS. [illegible]
Ex-Champion Denies He'll Move With Family to Salt Lake City Because of Kidnap
Threats. Jack and Mrs. Dempsey, the Former Hannah Williams, Are Shown
With Their Two Children, Barbara Judith (left) and Joan Hannah

AUG 1 1938

Dempsey Denies Kidnaping Scare

NEW YORK, Aug. 18 (U.P.) Jack Dempsey denied tonight that he had any intention of moving his family from New York to Salt Lake City because of kidnapers or for any other reason. He said, "There's nothing to those Salt Lake reports, at all."

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

WGB:MTG
9-4576

June 3, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. [redacted]

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
JANE [redacted] - Victim
EXTORTION

With reference to the attached letter from the New York Office in the above-entitled case, you are advised that Mr. Brantley telephoned the Laboratory yesterday morning and again at 4:30 P.M. requesting that the examination desired be immediately handled and that he be notified telephonically of the results of the examination. Mr. Brantley stated that the letter had been mailed registered, special delivery, on the night of June 1 and he expected it to arrive in the Laboratory on the morning of June 2. Mr. Blackburn checked periodically with the mail room regarding the letter and had the mail room check with the Post Office but the letter did not arrive in the Bureau until 11 P.M., June 2.

An examination of the postmarks on the cover indicate that it was mailed at New York City at 11:30 P.M. June 1, 1939, at the Church Street Annex. The registry number is 31,500. On the reverse side of the cover the registry stamp is dated New York, N.Y., Church Street Annex, June 2, 1939. The cover is postmarked "Washington, D. C., June 2, 1939, 9:30 P.M., Special Delivery" indicating its receipt in Washington at that time.

After receipt of the letter Mr. Blackburn was advised by Supervisor Val Zimmer that the suspect had been released and it would not be necessary to telephone a report to New York on the night of June 2. He further advised this morning that a telegraphic report instead of a telephonic report should be submitted inasmuch as the suspect was released.

It is obvious that the delay caused in receipt of this letter in the Laboratory was due to the fact that the letter was sent by registered mail as it appears to have been held in the New York Post Office from 11:30 P.M., June 1, to some time on June 2 when it was stamped at the registry window.

RECORDED & INDEXED Respectfully,

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E. P. Sperry

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUN 8 1939
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

WJH:NB

New York, N.Y.

June 1, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Attention Technical Laboratory

RE: DENHORN SUBJECTS
JACK DEMPSEY - Victim
EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith a letter and envelope addressed to Jack Dempsey, the Victim in this case. The envelope was postmarked May 26, 1939 at 10 A.M. at Station J, New York, N.Y. The letter reads as follows:

"This is a warning to you
On June 1st Im going to be
at your place and blow up
your place with dynamite
I work alone I don't
trust anyone
Everyone likes you especially boys & me
but I don't I'm gonna get you in my
own way - s

The following is written across the side of the page:

"Im not in my right
mind Im gonna get all those
so called he-men
Read the otherside"

The following is written on the otherside of the page:

"Im gonna
dynamite
these
sissies

Spencer Tracy

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

There are also enclosed herewith seventeen pages of handwriting taken from [redacted] alias Dick Dodd, [redacted] in this case. These specimens were taken from the [redacted] while he [redacted]

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Director June 1, 1939

was seated at a regular business desk, and were written by him at a rather fast rate of speed.

There are also enclosed with this letter a set of fingerprints of the Suspect.

The Technical Laboratory is requested to process the original letter for any possible latent fingerprints, although it has been ascertained that the letter has been handled by numerous people.

It is also requested that the Laboratory make a handwriting examination of the letter in question and compare it with the known specimens of the Suspects.

In view of the fact that the Suspect is in protective custody at the New York Office, it is requested that the Bureau advise the New York Office telephonically whether any identification has been effected.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

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REGISTERED MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Enclosure Retained

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

COMMUNICATIONS
9-4576

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. JUNE 3, 1939

Transmit the following message to: SAC NEW YORK

RELET FIRST UNSUB JACK DEMPSEY VIENNA RECEIVED LABORATORY SEVEN THIRTY NIGHT BRION KYTOL CRIPPS BARNEY WESTERBERG. PAPER CUT FROM LARGER SHEET TAKEN FROM GLUED PAD REMAINDER CONTAINS INK SCRIPT. PAPER EDGE MATCH POSSIBLE IF FOUND. WORKING DEVELOP PARTIALLY ERASED AND SCRIBBLED OVER WRITING BACK KYTOL WILL DELAY DEVELOPMENT LATTP.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JUN 3 1939

WESTERN UNION

SENT VIA _____ 1552 M Per JR

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

VCZ:MFM
6:40 P.M.

June 1, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

RE: THREATENING LETTER RECEIVED BY JACK DEMPSEY

SAC Brantley called from New York and said that Jack Dempsey had received a letter to the effect that his restaurant was going to be blown up. Mr. Brantley said the letter was referred to the New York office by the Post Office Inspectors. He said the agents were at the restaurant today and picked up a man by the name of Nick Hyland, alias Barney Rottenberg. Hyland is sixty-three years old, lives at the Capitol Hotel in New York; and has been a store keeper on a ship of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. Mr. Brantley said Hyland is a "screw ball" and was picked up at 5:30 P.M. at Jack Dempsey's Restaurant, at 8th Avenue and 50th Street. SAC Brantley went on to say that he had been in the restaurant earlier in the day and he walked over to Agent [redacted] and said "Are you a G-Man, are you afraid to die?" Brantley said it was not known by anyone in the place that [redacted] was a G-Man except by the secretary and the general manager. Hyland had been thrown out of a Jack Dempsey branch restaurant at 1619 Broadway, as he had been loitering around there, Mr. Brantley said. Incidentally the threatening letter was addressed to the 1619 address SAC Brantley advised. Hyland said he was arrested in California and was sentenced to 6 months for drunkenness and also admits an arrest and a probationary sentence of approximately 2 years in California, for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

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Mr. Brantley said that Hyland wouldn't admit to anything and that they had him in the office at the present time. He said Hyland was a difficult person to deal with and obviously should be in an institution for the feeble minded.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUN 14 1939
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The New York Police knew about this letter too, Mr. Brantley said, and they were at 1619 Broadway, but knew now Hyland was in our custody. He said they would question Hyland further and if they couldn't get any information they would place him in the House of Detention in New York. Mr. Brantley told me he would send fingerprints of Hyland to the Bureau tonight, and in the meantime would make a search of Hyland's residence for any handwriting specimens they could find.

7:24 P.M.

I called SAC Brantley and told him that you said to keep Hyland all night talking to him and see if some definite information can be obtained. Mr. Brantley said what should be done in case Hyland went crazy, and I told him to have enough men there to take care of him.

Respectfully,

Val C. Zimmer

Val C. Zimmer

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

VCZ:COE

June 2, 1939

Time: 6:20 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: THREATENING LETTER
RECEIVED BY JACK DEMPSEY

SAC Brantley called from New York and advised that Dick Hyland, alias Barney Brettenberg, suspect in this case, has been questioned all night and most of today. Hyland's actions and answers to questions indicate he is insane and he has admitted having been confined to an insane asylum. So far nothing has been developed to connect him with the letter and Mr. Brantley is of the opinion he should be released inasmuch as should it be desirable to later pick him up there would be little difficulty in locating him, he having been arrested fifty to seventy-five times.

I instructed Brantley to hold Hyland until I could discuss the matter with you and call him back.

7:40 p.m.

In accordance with your instructions, I called the New York office and advised Agent [redacted] it would be satisfactory to release Hyland. b7c

Respectfully,

Val C. Zimmer
VAL C. ZIMMER

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUN 6 1939
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report Recorded 6-12-39 2:00 P.M.

Case: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
JACK DEMPSEY - Victim
EXTORTION.

Number: 9-4576

Specimens: Requested that the questioned material in instant case, be compared with the questioned material in the case entitled: [redacted] - Englewood; First National Bank of Chicago, Illinois, Victim. BANK ROBBERY NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT. Re. File 91-1211". Kansas City Office of Origin.

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Examination requested by: Supervisor Kramer

Date received: Rec. 6-12-39 kr

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

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EXPERTS

Standard file 6-12

Latent Prints [illegible]

No latent comparisons possible.

Dictated 6-13-39 - paragraph in Lab report

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CHK To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. June 3, 1939

Transmit the following message to: [redacted], New York

[redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUN 6 1939
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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BI 18 5 6-3-39 2-35 PM GOVT VIA RCA

D BRANTLEY FBI JUSTICE

507 U S COURTHOUSE FOLEY SQ

NEW YORK N Y

UNSUBS JACK DEMPSEY VIKEX RELET JUNE FIRST THREE FRAGMENTARY LATENT FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED OUTSIDE ENVEOLXXXXXX ENVELOPE NOT IDENTIFIED FINGERPRINTS BARNEY WROTTENBERG, PREVIOUS RECORD FBI NUMBER ELEVEN NINE NINE THREE TWO FOLLOWS. —

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

May 31, 1939

SAT:HA 3:10 P. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Assistant SAC Dalton called from New York stating he had received a call a few minutes ago from the Chief Clerk of the Post Office Inspection Department during which he advised they had received a letter brought to them by a representative of Jack Dempsey. The letter contained a threat to blow up Dempsey's place in New York City tomorrow, June 1, with dynamite. There was no demand for money or anything of value contained in the letter and the person who wrote it indicated he was not in his right mind and that he did not like Dempsey, [redacted] and [redacted] when he described as he-men, so he was going to blow them up. b7C

Dalton said he had told the Chief Clerk that we did not have jurisdiction in the matter inasmuch as it did not involve an attempt to extort.

I pointed out to Dalton that there was a statute signed the other day which eliminates the necessity for extortion in threatening letters. I instructed that he notify the New York City Police and try to collaborate with them on the matter. I advised that I would try to keep all publicity out of the papers because it might ruin Dempsey's business. I instructed that he try to obtain the original letter and send it to the Bureau in order that it may be examined in the Laboratory.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUN 3 1939
U. S. Department of Justice

June 7, 1939

RJU:GEM

9-4576 -

Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Re: [redacted]
[redacted]
Miami, Florida
EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of June 5, 1939, submitting, together with handwriting and paper specimens, one envelope postmarked [redacted] and addressed to [redacted] Miami Beach, Florida. This is a [redacted] and the fingerprints of [redacted] in connection with the above-entitled matter.

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Confirming and supplementing the [redacted] June 5, 1939, you are advised that the original [redacted] envelope have been examined and three fingerprints suitable for identification purposes were developed on the middle of the [redacted] These have been compared with the fingerprints of [redacted] but no identification could be effected.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

A search of the fingerprints of [redacted] the main fingerprint files of the Bureau's Identification Division has disclosed a prior criminal record for this individual, who is [redacted]. Transcripts of this record are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures

MAILED
JUN 7 1939

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report Recorded 6-3-39 11:20 A.M.

Case: Unknown Subjects
Jack Dempsey - Victim
Extortion

Number: 9-4576-
9-4576-

Specimens:

Q1 Envelope postmarked New York, N. Y. 5 May 26, 1939 10 PM addressed to victim.
Q2 Accompanying letter beginning "This is a warning..."
K1 Sample handwriting of Harry Weinberg consisting of sixteen sheets of paper. (Letter mentions seventeen)
K2 Two white envelopes without postmark or stamp containing miscellaneous writings and one piece of paper containing advertisement of Ebling's Beer and writing on the reverse side (these specimens not mentioned in cover letter)

Examination requested by: New York

Date received: Received 6-3-39 AM

Examination requested: Document-Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: [redacted] b7C

LATENT WERE ANSWER

3 fragmentary latent fgrts developed on side Q1.
1 latent fgrt also on suspect
Dominic Amad - FBI - 117988
Mailed 6-3
To Identification for transcripts 6-3
Returned 6-3-39
Exp

Wanted 6/3/39 AM

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June 25, 1938

9-4576

Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Re: Unknown Subject;
Fatal Shooting
Date of Crime

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter, are received in the Bureau June 24, 1938.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

June 15, 1939

Laboratory Report

Case: [redacted]

Number: 9-4576

Specimens:

Examination requested by: [redacted]

Date received: June 2, 1939

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprints

Result of examination:

Examination by [redacted]

This is in confirmation of telegraphic summary of June 14, 1939.

The conclusion was reached that [redacted] did not write the writing on specimens Q1 and Q2. The block writing of the person in question exhibited and written under conditions not really comparable with the questioned, which is clearly and deliberately formed obviously for the purpose of disguising the writing of the extortionist. This shows an ability to handle delicately small shapes and a sense of proportion. This with the writing of the letter may be an impression of a deranged type of mind.

Specimen Q1 is a Post Office Department envelope addressed to Franklin Sharp. It has the [redacted] dated with an [redacted] which is the date of the postmark thereon. The postmarks of the envelope are Post Office [redacted]. The envelope is of the [redacted] weigh 3.661 grams.

Specimen Q2, the letter, measures 8.50 by 8.44 by .0008 inches and weighs 2.1 grams. The paper was cut by the process that on the long edge, the short edge contains portions of [redacted] that the paper was cut in [redacted]. The original size of [redacted] have been 14 inches should the present dimension. Along the cut are the upper portions of [redacted] of letters written in ink on the original paper before the cut was made. It is assumed therefore that the other half of this paper, if found, will contain match writing. Inasmuch as the cut edge is also somewhat irregular it may be possible to match the two edges if the other half from which Q2 was cut is found. There is no watermark and the paper is white bond. Just above the left edge which has been mutilated, [redacted] is written

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to the long edge of the paper at an unusually square,long base forms opportunity for the purpose of writing on three lines. It is possible to make out certain [illegible] from their [illegible] and in [illegible] these three fields. It is not clear whether the writing is in the same hand as that of the remainder of the questioned writing. The partially erased writing has been [illegible] with by microscopic chemical tests which are similar with the writing that it has not been [illegible]. Various processes and tests were employed in an effort to decipher this erased and obliterated writing without success.

Both the envelope and the letter were written with a medium point ink [illegible] pen. The envelope and the letter exhibit traces of a purplish red color which under [illegible] examination and the chromatograph do not have the appearance of any [illegible] composition. There is insufficient of this material for chemical analysis. It has the appearance of a specific water soluble dye or lipstick and the writer may wish us here, have observed to be left by women who apply cosmetics with a fingertip.

I regret on the fingerprint examination will be furnished separately.

Photographic copies of the evidence documents are transmitted herewith.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY [illegible] PROCEEDING, SAME MAY BE FORWARDED UPON REQUEST SHOULD BE RECEIVED IN SUFFICIENT TIME TO PERMIT PREPARATION.

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[redacted]: 9-6376 01 Envelope postmarked "New York, New York, 5, Nov 26, 2039, 10 A. M." addressed to Hollis.

02 Handwriting Letter beginning "This is a transparent.

[redacted]

RPK:DF June 14, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE TECHNICAL LABORATORY

It is requested that the examination specified on an originating note enclosed to the Laboratory and submitted to the Laboratory in Bureau file [redacted] in connection with the known [redacted] which was submitted to the Laboratory by the [redacted] City Field Office on April 6, 1939, in file 91-1511.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUN 16 1939
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK CITY N.Y. File No. 9-502

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
NEW YORK CITY	6/12/39	5/3;6/1,2,12/39	[redacted] b7C

TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
JACK DEMPSEY, Victim

CHARACTER OF CASE: EXTORTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Letter postmarked May 29, 1939 at New York City addressed to JACK DEMPSEY, former World's Champion pugilist, in care of Jack Dempsey's Restaurant, 1619 Broadway, New York City, received by Miss [redacted] DEMPSEY'S secretary, on 5/29/39. b7C Letter contained threat that the author was going to blow up DEMPSEY'S place with dynamite on June 1, 1939. Nothing of value demanded. Surveillance maintained by Bureau Agents and New York City detectives from 9:30 A.M. on June 1, 1939 to 1:00 A.M. on June 2, 1939 at restaurant to which letter was addressed with negative results. BARNEY [illegible], alias Dick Hyland, ex-prizefighter, interviewed as to whereabouts. Fingerprints and handwriting specimens furnished to Bureau, but no identification effected.

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DETAILS:

At New York City:

This investigation was predicated upon a telephonic communication received at the New York Field Division on May 31, 1939 by Assistant Special Agent in Charge [redacted], from Mr. [redacted], Chief Clerk, Post Office Inspectors b7C

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [redacted] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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division, Main Post Office, New York City, who stated that his office was in receipt of a letter addressed to JACK DEMPSEY, which threatened to blow up DEMPSEY'S Restaurant at 1619 Broadway, New York City, on [illegible] unless [illegible] the hands of the person composing the above note indicated that the New York Division should [illegible] and send it to the Laboratory and that the New York Division should call [illegible] should call [illegible]

Love,

I want [illegible] I don't [illegible]

trust [illegible]

Everyone likes you especially [illegible]

but, [illegible] I'm [illegible]

can say.

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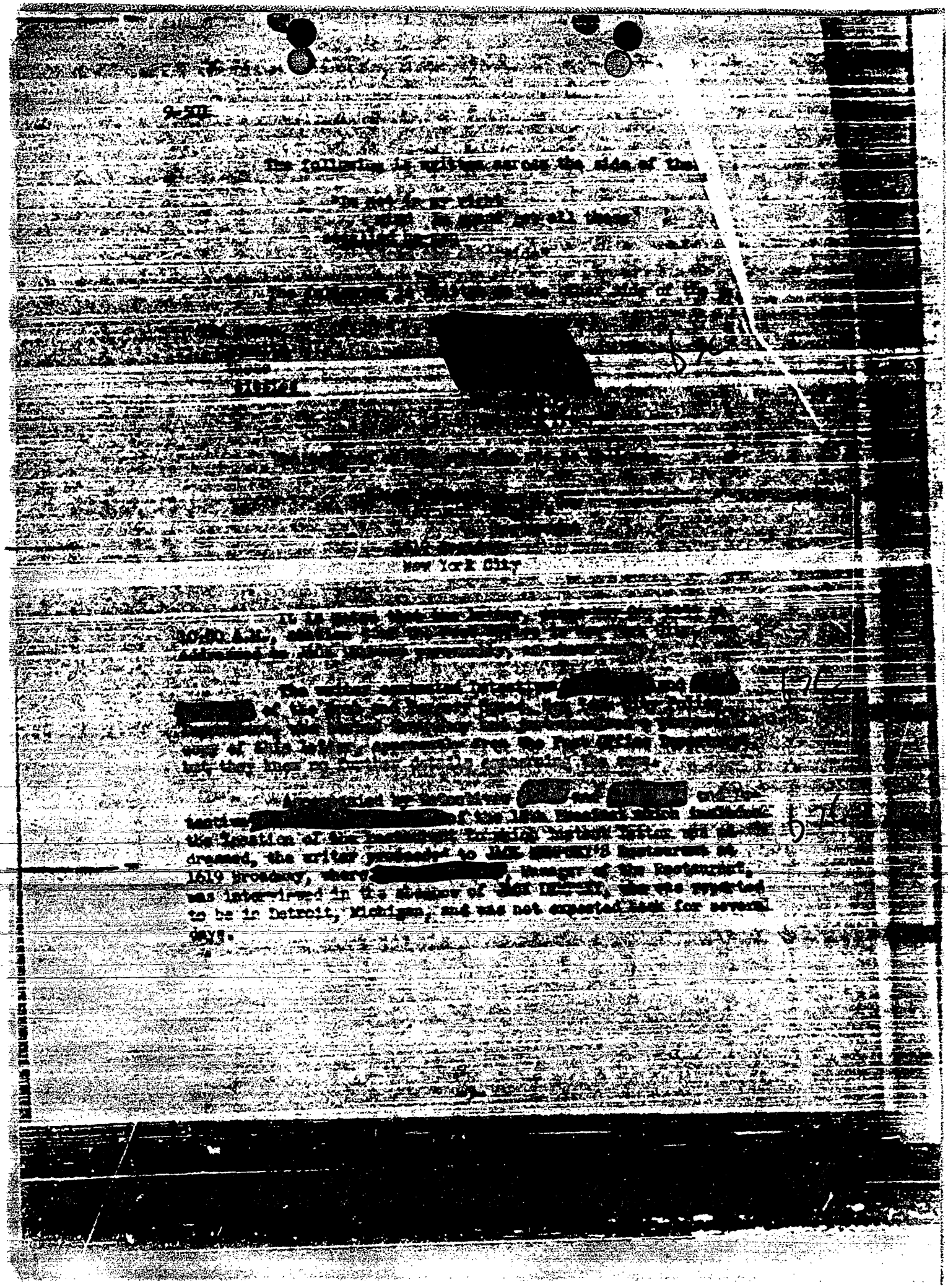

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[redacted] advised that all [redacted] mail addressed to [redacted] personal secretary, had in the course of [redacted] mail opened a letter addressed to [redacted] which proved to [redacted] mailed on June 1, 1939 with [redacted] b7C

[redacted] b2C

[redacted] was advised of the interest of the Bureau in this matter and arrangements were made [redacted] b2C

On June 1, 1939 at [redacted] b7C

was decided that Agent [redacted] and the [redacted] would maintain a surveillance at [redacted] and that the latter would maintain a surveillance at the other branch [redacted] located at 50th Street and 8th Avenue, New York City.

Miss [redacted] JACK DEMPSEY'S personal secretary, advised upon interview that she had received instant letter on May 29, 1939 in the regular course of opening [redacted] mail; that she paid no particular attention to the letter in view of the fact that they received numerous crank letters, but that she [redacted] b7C manager. She further stated that [redacted] exhibited the letter quite a bit and she thinks that it was handled by numerous people. She advised that [redacted] kept the letter in his desk until May 31, 1939 at which time he gave it to Mr. [redacted], Mr. DEMPSEY'S Publicity Manager, who took it to the Post Office.

Miss [redacted] was advised of the active interest of the Bureau in this case and was further advised that surveillance b7C

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would be satisfied at both hearings. MR. HENRY's [redacted] for which application [redacted] bringing same to Mr. HYLAND's attention. He was also advised of the necessity for secrecy and he requested that the progress of equity [redacted] police should not be displayed under any circumstances. He granted her initial suggestion in this regard.

At about 10:30 A.M. while [redacted] was [redacted] HYLAND, after buying drinks from the customers, HYLAND left and returned to the bar at about 4:30 P.M.

The writer was seated at a table with [redacted] Publicity Manager for [redacted] the [redacted] letter to the Post Office authorities as previously mentioned when HYLAND approached [redacted] and asked if he was [redacted] an old-time prizefighter and replied in the affirmative. He asked the writer what his business [redacted] the writer replied that he was a newspaper man. [redacted] HYLAND said to the waiter, "Give [redacted] a drink." The writer asked HYLAND to explain his statement and HYLAND replied in conversation. Shortly thereafter HYLAND told the writer, "I'm not afraid to die."

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[redacted] HYLAND was stated that he had been in the criminal clinic and had been working on a case for the Department of New Jersey. The writer asked HYLAND if he had ever been arrested and he admitted several but [redacted] failing to the [redacted] that he had been 180 days in the last [redacted] on a charge of drunkenness but that he had appealed this decision because he had "got tough with the judge." He stated that he wrote a letter to the judge after and served his time, stating that he would like to meet him some time. HYLAND would not elaborate on the above statement and it was apparent that HYLAND was a mental case.

[redacted]

Criminal record continued -

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
SO, Santa Ana, Calif.	Barney E. Brotten-burg, #4940	6-26-[illegible]	Drunkenness, liquor viol. Sec. 150 [illegible]	pd $25
PD, Los Angeles Calif.	Dick Ryland #30660-H-3	[illegible]	[illegible] Check [illegible]	[illegible]
SO, Los Angeles Calif.	Dick Ryland #[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
PD, San Diego, Calif.	Dick Ryland #10822	[illegible]	[illegible]	9-25-27 [illegible]
PD, Phoenix, Ariz.	Dick Ryland #[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
PD, Corpus Christi Texas	Dick Ryland #[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

12-31-21 corr. at San Francisco, Calif. chg. Vio. Sec. 21 MV. Act. - Misd.

10-20-25 Los Angeles, Calif. DUP-liquor [illegible] 10-21-25.

6-19-27 Los Angeles, Calif. [illegible], 90 days SH, 6-22-27.

$10.00 Orange Co., Calif. [illegible] Phone for Los Angeles, Calif. bail. to Los Angeles, Calif. 6-24-27.

9-27-27 Los Angeles, Calif., [illegible], Calif. [illegible] - warrant $[illegible] SO.

9-28-27 to Los Angeles, Calif. dist. [illegible] years, 30 days DF, 10-16-27 [illegible].

10-14-27 Los Angeles, Calif., dist. bench, warrant [illegible] (5) off. pal. DF, 10-17-27.

12-15-27 Los Angeles, Calif., drunk, $10.10 PF, 12-16-27.

5-28-30 Los Angeles, Calif., DUP, liquor poss., 60 days DF, 7-3-30, appealed.

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[redacted] Los Angeles, Calif., 12-7-33 D.M.L.
[redacted] 12-7-33 Jiak.
[redacted] Co., San Diego, Calif., 12-8-33 Geo Lyon.
[redacted] Pk. San Diego, Calif., 12-8-33 drunk-disc.
[redacted] 25 days Co. [redacted] resp. on prob
[redacted] Diego, Calif. 12-8-33 disc. recog;
[redacted] 30 days, fail to report for prob.

[redacted] Field Div.
[redacted] N.Y.
[redacted] berg
[redacted] Alden
[redacted] Duff Building
[redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] York City, [redacted]
Special Agent [redacted] 5 7C
at this Hotel.

[redacted] b7C
[redacted]
[redacted]
to conduct a [redacted]
1003 Capitol Hotel, Fifth Street and [redacted] Special
agents are authorized to take [redacted] any
[redacted]
desire.

This written [redacted] being given to me by
the above named Special Agents voluntarily and without threats
or promises of any kind.

[redacted] b7C

Special Agents
F. B. I.
601 U. S. Ct. House
N.Y.C.

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The following description of suspect WOTHERD is

Name:

Address:

Age:

Occupation:

Marital status:

Sex:

Race:

Hair:

Complexion:

Glasses:

Tel. #:

Peculiarities:

[redacted]

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

GFM:DMS
9-4576

June 23, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: Unknown Subjects;
Jack Dempsey - Victim;
Extortion.

On June 12, 1939, Supervisor Kramer, requested that the questioned material in the instant case be compared with the known and questioned material in the case entitled, [redacted] Fugitive; First National Bank of Chanute, Chanute, Kansas; Bank Robbery; National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Bureau File 91-1511. b7C

The handwriting appearing on 9-4576 Q1 and Q2 (Dempsey case) was compared with the handwriting in 91-1511-12, a1 ([redacted] case) and 91-1511 Q1. The conclusion was reached that the writer of 9-4576 Q1 and Q2 did not write either Q1 or K1 in case 91-1511. b7C

Inasmuch as no latent impressions were developed in the case entitled, [redacted] Fugitive; First National Bank of Chanute, Kansas; Bank Robbery; National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, no latent fingerprint comparisons could be made. b7C

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT [redacted] NY

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
[redacted]	9/28/39	9/19/39	[redacted]

TITLE OF CASE:
[redacted]
WILLIAM HARRISON DEMPSEY, also known as
JACK DEMPSEY, Victim

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:
[redacted]

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 6/19/39, at NYC.

DETAILS:

The title of this case is being changed to indicate the true name of victim DEMPSEY, which is WILLIAM HARRISON DEMPSEY himself.

Mr. DEMPSEY was interviewed by agent at his place of business located at 50th Street and Eighth Avenue, NYC. He advised that in the regular course of business, his [redacted] receives [redacted] letters, [redacted] of which are addressed to [redacted] and [redacted] of which are addressed to Mr. DEMPSEY personally. He said [redacted] is unable to read [redacted] and that possibly one of these persons [redacted] and wrote the [redacted] letter. Mr. DEMPSEY stated that he is a public figure, and that [redacted]

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The following description of Victim [redacted] was obtained from observation and questioning:

Name: WILLIAM NICHOLS DAVEY, also known as JACK DERBY

Age: 44 years

Height: 6' 1"

Weight: 170 lbs.

Race: White

Complexion: Ruddy

Eyes: Hazel

Scars: Operation scar on abdomen; small scars on face from boxing

Features: [illegible]

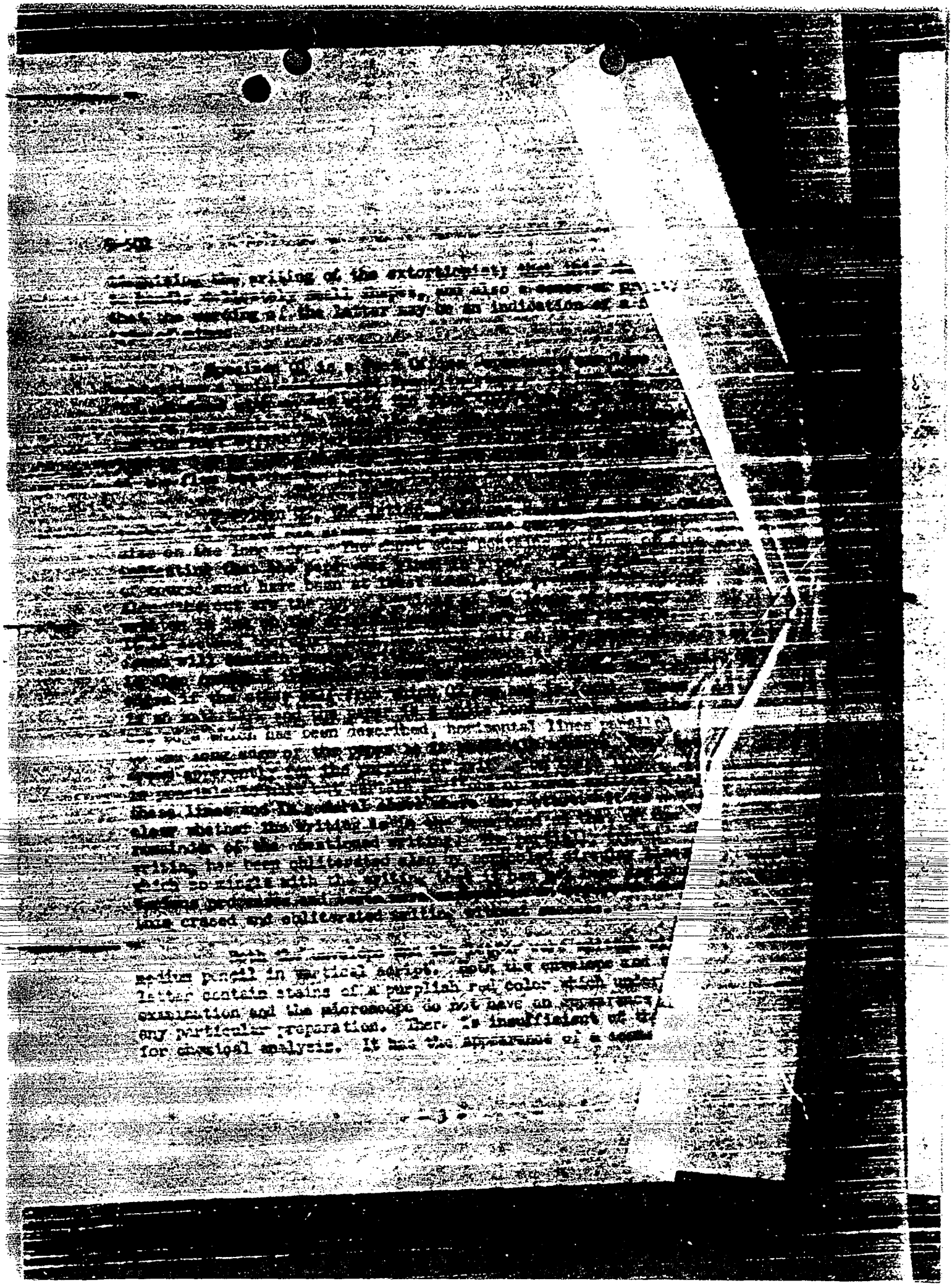
Marital status: [illegible]

[redacted] case in this [illegible], and that should [illegible] of this kind he receives his [illegible] notify the Bureau promptly. 32

By letter dated June 7, 1939, the Bureau [illegible] the original extortion letter and envelope in which it was sent had been given a fingerprint examination by the laboratory, and that no identifiable [illegible] had been developed on the envelope, that fingerprints had been compared with the fingerprints of suspect DANIEL MEUTTERBORG, but that no identification [illegible]

By letter dated June 27, 1939, the laboratory report in confirmation of telegraphic summary of June 7, 1939, that examination had been reached that Suspect [illegible] had not written the extortion letter, Specimen Q or the envelope in which the letter was contained, Q2.

The report indicates that the writing in Specimen [illegible] is slowly and deliberately formed, obviously for the purpose



such as rouge or lipstick and the smears are such as have been observed to be left by women who apply cosmetics with a finger-tip.

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : E. P. COFFEY

DATE: 6-20-45

FROM : E. B. LONG

SUBJECT: Unknown Subject;
William Harrison Dempsey, also known as
Joel Dempsey, Victim -
Extortion;
Bureau file 9-4878

The file maintained in the Laboratory in this case has been disposed of and there is attached an envelope containing the material which was in the Laboratory File and which is not duplicated in the Investigative File. It is desired that the Records Section file this as an enclosure behind the file.

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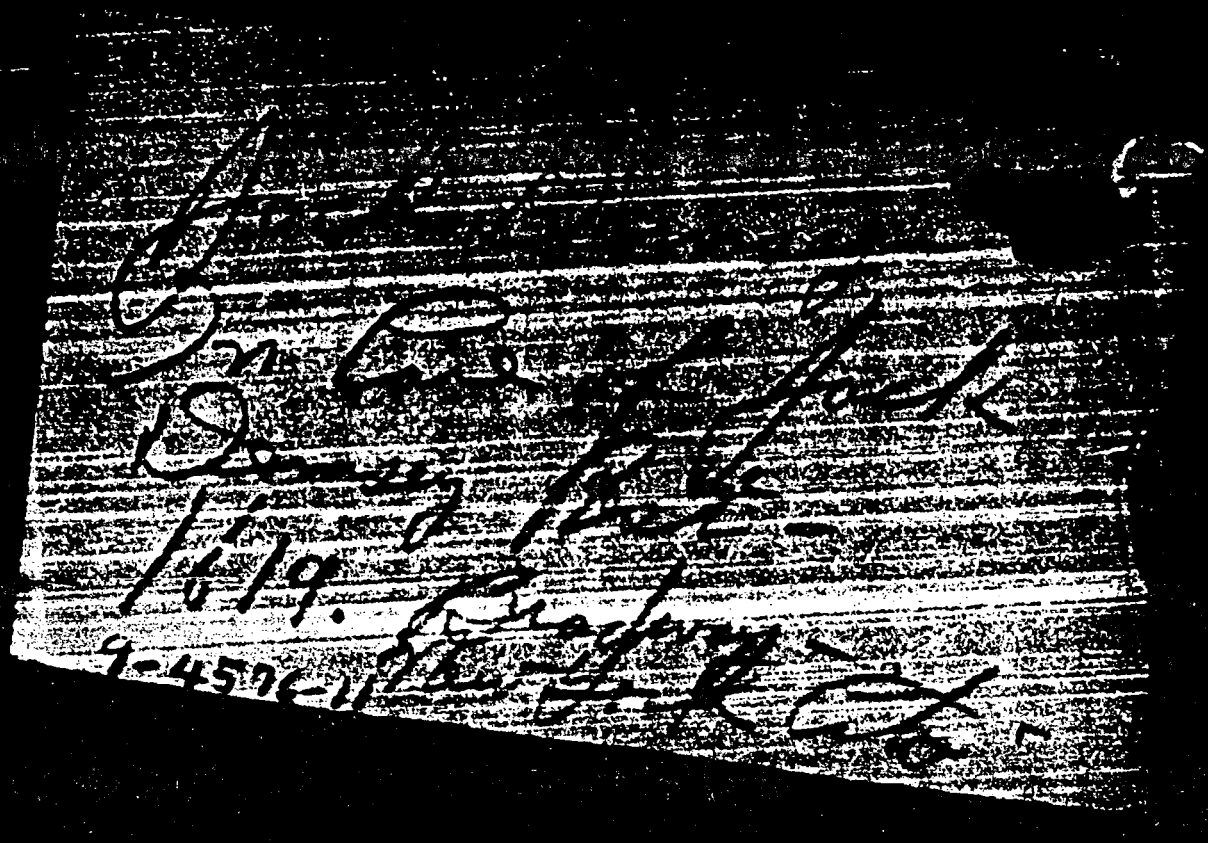

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Dept of Treasury

[redacted]

Clinton Special Agent

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Pacific Beach
California
San Diego
San Pedro
Long Beach
Catalina Island

Car Dinner

[redacted]

[redacted]

It is very warm weather here
June 1 1939 I am going to
bed. Your Black on June 4th
I am working and I don't
want any one to bother me.
Every one else you
see stay [illegible]
mine

Here a Warning to You
or Else I Am going to Burn
Back and Blow up Your
Place with Dynamite Quick
as I Can Get It Done
You Can Look For Me

4/1/57

This is a warning to you my friend
first I am going to [illegible] at your
Place and [illegible] your Place
with Dynamite I work alone
I don't [illegible] anybody me
like you Especially [illegible]
when [illegible] I [illegible]
to you in my time you [illegible]
it in my [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

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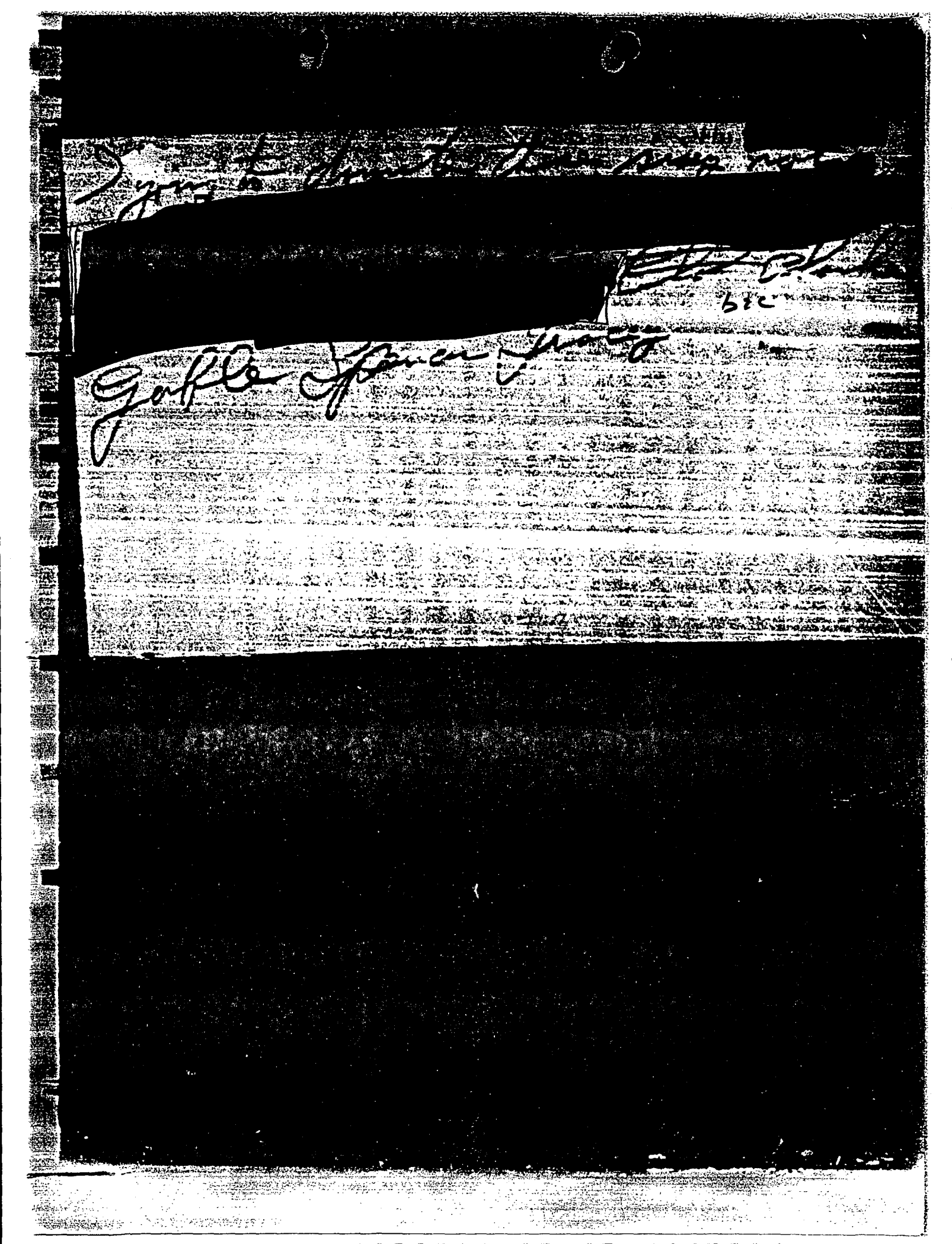
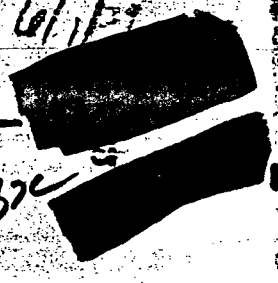
Dear Jerry I sent the
Flying Tiger from Lee
Work Shed and Dan
Instang on
every one like you especially
the Boys and Parents But

Dick Hyland

Sonny Whitaker



Jack Dempsey



In Care of Jack

Dempsey Boat

1179 Broadway

New York City

[redacted]

Army Air Corps

Weather Log

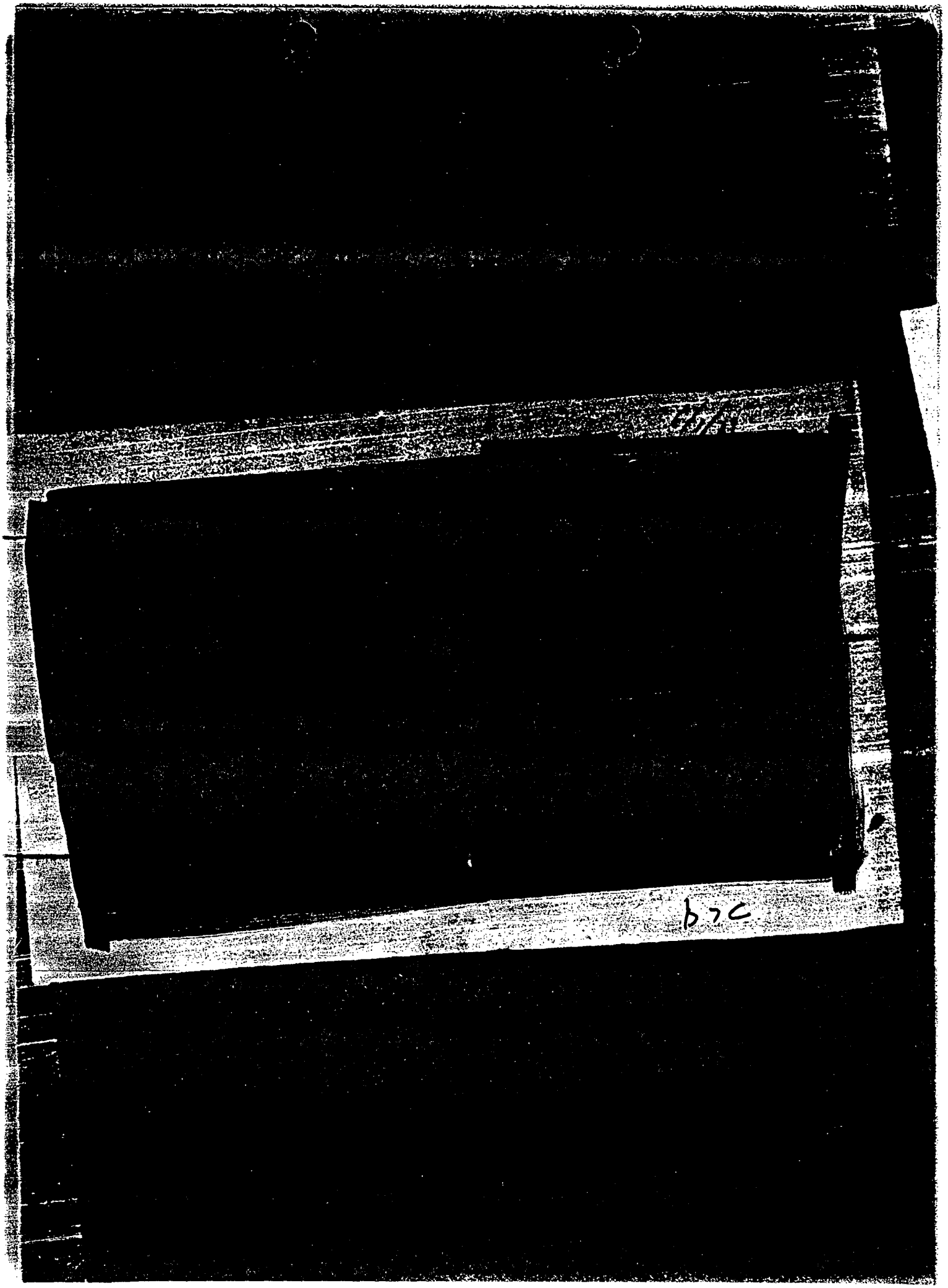
Field Report

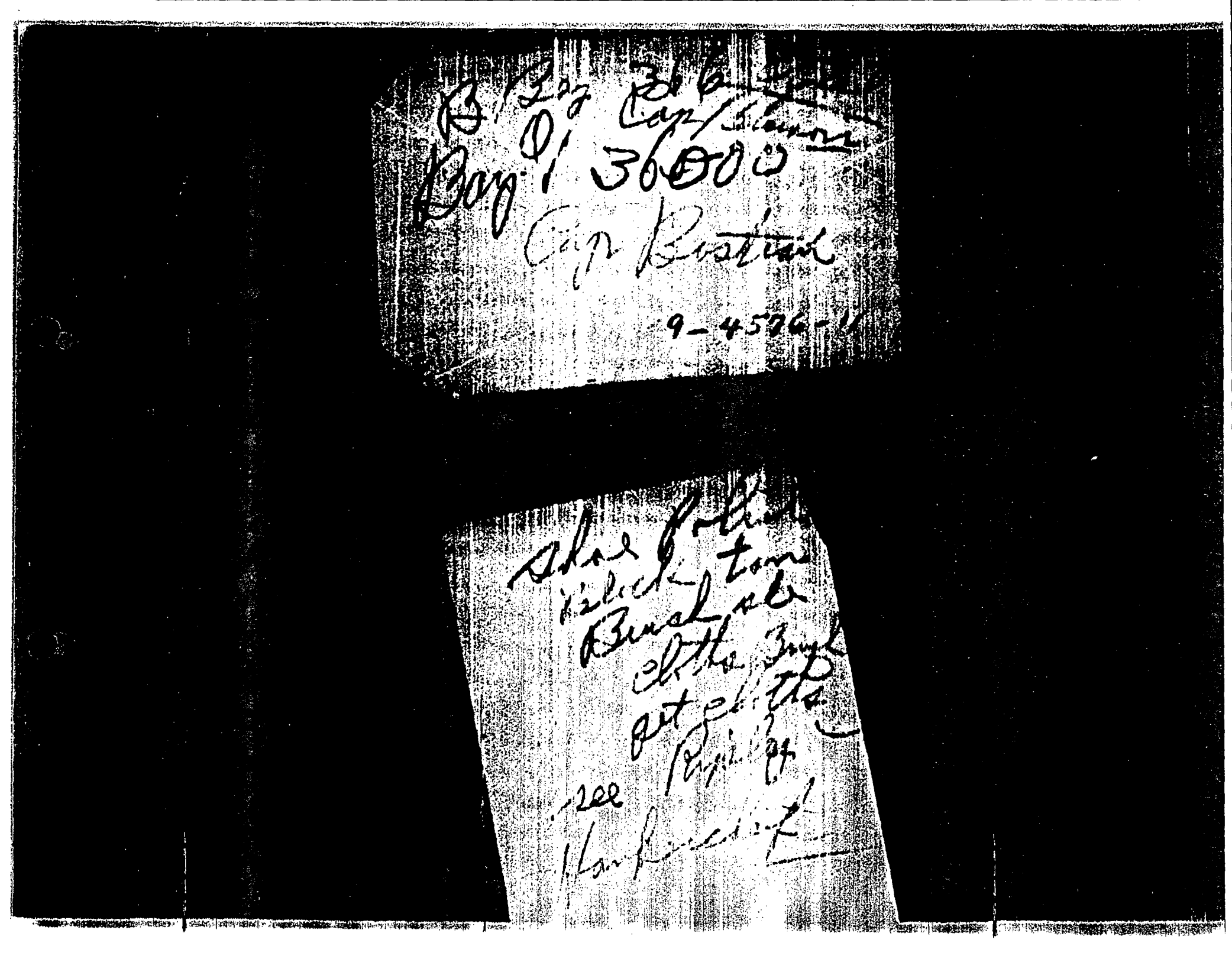
Dear Sir Please send by
[redacted]
up Indemnification
Thoughtful a Check for
the Purpose of Hand
with Comparison

[redacted] b7C

Rick Hyland

Dr. [redacted] b7C





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Opposite Madison Square Garden

8TH AVENUE and 51ST STREET

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

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Get Clues and a Clear Brick

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