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SUBJECT: VINCENT T. LOMBARDI

SUBJECT Vince Lombardi

FILE NUMBER 63-14543

June 25, 1970

Mr. Vincent T. Lombardi
Georgetown University Hospital
3900 Reservoir Road, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20007

Dear Mr. Lombardi:

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I was indeed sorry to learn it was necessary for you to be hospitalized and hope this note finds you resting comfortably. I want you to know the thoughts of your friends in the FBI are with you and we join your many fans in wishing you a speedy recovery.

Sincerely yours,

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NOTE: Mr. Lombardi was the guest speaker at the FBI Communion Breakfast last year. Address of hospital per ZIP Code Directory. Full name per prior letter 5-7-69 regarding his speech at the Breakfast.

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Vince Lombardi Enters Hospital

Vince Lombardi was admitted to Georgetown University Hospital for a checkup yesterday after being treated for a stomach ailment by Dr. George [illegible] Resta, the Redskins' team physician.

Lombardi, 57, was ill Tuesday. He was at the Redskins' office yesterday and was scheduled to be an honorary chairman at a testimonial dinner last night for Jocko Miller, golf starter at Congressional Country Club.

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July 29, 1970

Mr. Vincent T. Lombardi
Georgetown University Hospital
3800 Reservoir Road, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20007

Dear Mr. Lombardi:

It was with deep regret that I learned you have re-entered the hospital and, on behalf of your friends in the FBI, want to send you this note of good wishes. We are thinking of you and hope you will have a quick and complete recovery.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Mr. Lombardi was the guest speaker at the FBI Communion Breakfast in 1969. A letter was sent to him when he first entered the hospital on June 25, 1970.

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HAS SECOND OPERATION #15

Concern Mounts Over Lombardi

By STEVE GUBACK
Star Staff Writer

New concern over Redskins Coach Vince Lombardi's physical condition mounted today following his readmission to Georgetown University Hospital and his second operation in exactly a month.

The 57-year-old coach was described as "resting comfortably" after his latest operation, performed at 4:30 p.m. yesterday by Dr. Robert J. Coffey of the Georgetown University Hospital staff.

The nature of the latest operation was not disclosed by the Redskins, although Dr. Coffey had headed a six-man team that performed surgery on Lombardi on June 27, removing a tumor and a two-foot section of his colon.

The preliminary report following his first operation indicated that the tumor was believed to be benign, but no clarification or statement was made following subsequent laboratory tests.

Additional Surgery

The Redskins announced, in a brief statement, about 4 p.m. yesterday, that Lombardi had been readmitted to the hospital for "observation and tests." At 10:10 p.m. they announced that additional surgery had been performed. No additional details were given.

At his own insistence, Lombardi had attended the Redskins-Colts rookie scrimmage in Baltimore on Sunday. He appeared to be in good spirits, but was noticeably pale and weak. He had to rest frequently.

Despite the obvious strain, he went to the Redskins' locker room to speak with the rookie squad before and after the game. He appeared largely unemotional, but seemed to get pleasure from watching the game and talking with reporters briefly afterwards.

Last Tuesday, only 11 days after he had been released from the hospital, he flew to New York to speak to the pro football owners about the current impasse with the players over pension funds. Lombardi had been a member of the negotiating committee that had staved off a possible walkout two years ago over similar financial matters.

Weigh Closing Camp

During his convalescence following his first operation, Lombardi had insisted that he would make it to training camp at Carlisle when the veterans reported, originally scheduled for July 19. He repeated his intention of "being there" when the veterans report during a conversation with reporters in Baltimore on Sunday.

Several times in the last 10 days, Lombardi turned up at the Redskins' new headquarters at 13th and K Streets NW., going over business matters. He usually would stay from 30 minutes to an hour.

He named Bill Austin, the coaching staff member, as interim coach for the coming training camp and conducted talks with Austin daily for plans of the program [illegible]

The Redskins gave the rookies the day off yesterday and today, and are holding over in Baltimore [illegible] to allow them to work out with Sunday's veteran squad. [illegible] Lombardi will miss most or all of the pre-season training.

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The Daily World
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The Wall Street Journal
The National Observer
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Date 7-28-70

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The Redskins
OF THE
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

PRO-FOOTBALL, INC.
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006

Vincent T. Lombardi

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August 24, 1970

Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I know that Coach Lombardi would want me to thank you for your kind letters to him, during his stay in the hospital.

It is very thoughtful of you.

If there is anything that I may do for you here, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Patricia Stone

D.C.,

Miss Patricia Stone
Secretary to Coach Lombardi

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September 3, 1970

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Mrs. Vincent T. Lombardi
11013 Stanmore Drive
Potomac, Maryland 20854

Dear Mrs. Lombardi:

I was very sorry to learn of your husband's passing and want to extend my heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. His many contributions to the sports world will long stand as a memorial to him and will inspire those who follow in his footsteps.

Words certainly are inadequate at a time like this, but I hope you will derive some measure of comfort from knowing that others share your sorrow. If I can be of assistance in any way, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Vincent T.

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NOTE: Mr. Lombardi was the guest speaker at an FBI Communion Breakfast in 1969. Letters were sent to him concerning his hospitalization on 6-25-70 and 7-29-70.

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The Opera Restaurant

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November 15,

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It has been a long time since I have been able to serve you - almost 13 years. It was always a pleasure to see you enter our restaurant, Leone's, and a privilege to spend some time with you on those occasions.

Since we sold "Leone's", I have remained in the restaurant business but closer to home. I have the Opera Restaurant in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, just north of the George Washington Bridge.

Shortly after I moved to New Jersey, I was very fortunate to meet Father Kenneth Moore through Vince Lombardi. Father Ken is a Carmelite Priest who taught at White Friars Hall and Catholic University in Washington for 25 years. In addition to being a very close personal friend of Lombardi, he has been the unofficial Chaplain for the Packers and the Redskins when Vince was the coach.

About four years ago Father Ken was transferred to our neck of the woods to become pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Demarest, New Jersey. In order to raise funds for needy young men to receive an education at the Carmelite Seminary, he and Vince started a Scholarship Dinner. Vince was the first honored guest. Because of the success of the affair and the untimely death of our friend, we decided to make it an annual event and re-named it "The Vincent T. Lombardi Scholarship Dinner".

Father Ken and I can both attest to the respect and admiration Vince had for you, Mr. Hoover. On a number of occasions he mentioned the qualities you possess and I'm sure he transmitted them to the football field and his personal life.

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November 15, 1971

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

Because of this "close association" as well as the respect and admiration Father Ken and I hold for you, we would like you to be the guest of honor at our dinner to be held some Sunday evening in May 1972.

The festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails, and the dinner is served at 7:30 p.m. At the conclusion of the meal our guest speaker will make the presentation to you and, if you care to, you may respond. I'm sure you will enjoy the evening. The guests are professional and businessmen with a large number of sports men included. There are no political connections or overtones to this affair.

Mr. Hoover, if you are free one Sunday in May, except May 14th, and would like to attend our Lombardi Dinner, would you please let us know which Sunday you would prefer. If there is further information you may desire, Father Ken and I would gladly come to Washington to explain more clearly about the affair.

Father Ken and I plan to be in Washington on November 29 and 30. If you wish to discuss this matter further, would it be possible for us to take you to dinner on one of those evenings?

Best Regards,

Ned Bowen

Ned Bowen

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REC-22 63-14543-5

November 22, 1971

Mr. Mad Bowen
The Opera Restaurant
454 Route 9W
Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey 07232

D.L.

Dear Mr. Bowen:

Your letter of November 19th asking me to be the guest of honor at the Vincent T. Lombardi Scholarship Dinner to be held some Sunday evening in May, 1972, has been received.

While this is something I would very much like to do, it is not probable that I would be able to appear even if tentative arrangements were made at this time. Experience has shown that the uncertain nature of my official schedule, coupled with the numerous matters which arise daily requiring my attention, precludes making plans so far in the future. I am sure you will agree that it would be most unfair for me to indicate an acceptance and be unable to appear because of some unforeseen matter. You have my best wishes for a most successful affair.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bowen not identifiable in Ruffles.

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