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TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: May 4, 1953

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: TELEVISION SPEECH
 FULTON SHEEN
 AUXILIARY BISHOP, NEW YORK
 APRIL 26, 1953

At your request, there is set out a brief resume of a reference to the FBI in the television speech of Fulton Sheen, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, on April 26, 1953. This program was not monitored and the following data is based on a recollection of the program by SA Helm, Crime Records Section:

Sheen's speech attacked Communism and the present "peace maneuvers" of Communism. He stated that Communists have always operated with the same deceptive and deceitful tactics. In illustration, he mentioned an incident which occurred some years ago when he was teaching at a Washington, D. C., college. Prior to one of his classes, a young man contacted him, claiming to have been a refugee from a Communist country where his parents had been purged. The caller claimed to have written a book exposing Communism, to possess confidential Communist documents, and to be eager to accompany Sheen around the country in Sheen's verbal attacks on Communism. The caller wanted an immediate answer to his request.

Sheen stated that he put off an answer to the caller and immediately thereafter notified the FBI that he had been "visited by a Soviet agent," giving the FBI the name of the caller. According to Sheen, the FBI told him the man was, in fact, a Communist of some importance, who had been "lost" for some time. According to Sheen, the FBI requested that he present all information he had and told him the FBI would handle the matter from thereon.

Sheen said he had recognized this imposter because Communists always have used the same tactics. He made no complimentary statements concerning the FBI. It appeared that he merely restated a previous happening in illustration of the theme of his lecture.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is believed that, based on the above recollection of this program, there is no need for a complimentary letter to Bishop Sheen for his restatement of a previous incident.

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GRADUATION EXERCISES

51st Session, FBI National Academy

JUNE 12, 1953

BISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN

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Attached is a letter to Bishop Fulton J. Sheen inviting him to deliver the graduation address for the 51st Session of the FBI National Academy on June 12, 1953. It is desired that this letter be personally delivered to Bishop Sheen by Assistant Special Agent in Charge W. M. Whelan. Mr. Whelan should explain to Bishop Sheen the background and purposes of the National Academy as well as the nature of the graduation exercises. He should also offer to Bishop Sheen the facilities of the New York Office in arranging for his transportation to and from Washington and his hotel accommodations while here.

The Bureau should be advised immediately if this invitation is accepted.

Attachment

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May 5, 1953

The Most Reverend Bishop Fulton J. Sheen
109 East 38th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Bishop Sheen:

It gives me great pleasure to extend to you an invitation to address the graduating class of the FBI National Academy. The Fifty-first Session of the Academy will conclude its twelve weeks' course of training with formal graduation exercises beginning at 10:30 A.M. on Friday, June 12, 1953. The ceremonies will be held in the Departmental Auditorium located on Constitution Avenue between Twelfth and Fourteenth Streets, N. W., here in Washington.

The FBI National Academy was established by this Bureau on July 29, 1935, for the purpose of training state, county, and municipal law enforcement officers as police instructors and police executives. To date 2,587 officers have graduated from the Academy and the current class consists of 79 officers. The graduation exercises will be attended by approximately 1,400 persons.

I assure you that the members of the graduating class and their friends as well as all of us in the FBI would be deeply honored by your acceptance of this invitation.

Should you desire any additional information, please let me know.

With best wishes and kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

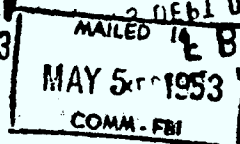
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**GRADUATION EXERCISES
51st SESSION, FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY
JUNE 12, 1953**

The Most Reverend Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, will address the graduating class of the FBI National Academy in Washington, D. C., on Friday, June 12, 1953, at 10:30 A.M. It is desired that ASAC W. M. Whelan make arrangements to escort Bishop Sheen to Washington for these graduation exercises.

If hotel reservations are desired, the Bureau should be advised so that these may be made. Transportation should be arranged by ASAC Whelan. An automobile will be made available at Washington to ASAC Whelan.

Bishop Sheen should be brought to Conference Room C in the rear of the Departmental Auditorium, which is located on Constitution Avenue between Twelfth and Fourteenth Streets, N. W., by 10:15 A.M. on the day of the graduation exercises.

The Bureau should be advised when the arrangements have been made by ASAC Whelan.

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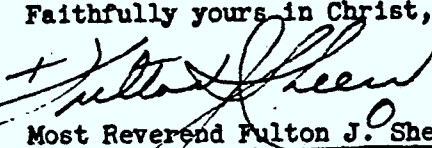
My dear Mr. Hoover,

Through the kindness of Mr. William Whelan,
I have received your gracious invitation to address the
graduating class of the FBI National Academy in Washington
on Friday, June 12th, 1953.

I am indeed honored by this invitation and
will be most happy to comply with your wishes.

Looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you
on June 12th, and wishing you every blessing, I am

Faithfully yours in Christ,


Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen
National Director

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The Most Reverend Bishop Fulton J. Sheen
109 East 38th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Bishop Sheen:

I was very pleased to receive your letter of May 19, 1953, advising me of your acceptance of my invitation to address the graduating class of the FBI National Academy in Washington, D. C., on June 12, 1953. All of us are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to having you with us.

I have instructed Assistant Special Agent in Charge William M. Whelan of our New York Office to make the necessary arrangements in connection with your trip to Washington.

With best wishes and kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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TO : Mr. Tolson *✓*

DATE: 5/29/53

FROM : *MAC* H. H. CleggSUBJECT: BISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN
INVITATION TO SPEAK AT
GRADUATION EXERCISES
51ST SESSION, FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY
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By letter dated 5/5/53, Bureau extended invitation to Bishop Sheen to speak at graduation exercises, 51st Session, FBI National Academy, on 6/12/53. This communication forwarded to New York Office to be delivered personally by ASAC Whelan who is personally acquainted with Bishop Sheen. Bureau telephonically advised by New York on 5/7/53 that Bishop Sheen had accepted. *C. L. R. 5*

By letter dated 5/19/53, received in the Bureau 5/21/53, Bishop Sheen accepted the invitation to speak, stating he would be in Washington on 6/12/53 for this purpose. Director inquired as to why it took so long to acknowledge the Bishop's letter. *G.I.R.-5*

The acceptance letter from Bishop Sheen was received in the Bureau on 5/21/53, was stamped in Mr. Tolson's Office 5/22/53, 12:21 p.m. It was stamped in Mr. Nichols Office at 1:01 p.m. on 5/22/53 and was received in the Training and Inspection Division 4:10 p.m., 5/22/53.

It has been the prior practice that when acceptances of this nature have been received, unless the invitee asks for additional information or further details, no acknowledgement of the acceptance letter has been sent. Following this practice, the Bishop's letter was initialed and it continued on the routing chain. *✓*

On the morning of 5/27/53 Mr. Tolson inquired of Mr. Mason whether the Bishop's letter of acceptance had been answered, indicating that a reply should be sent. The letter was immediately located and a reply dictated, transcribed, and sent through on 5/27/53 under date of 5/28/53.

I have issued instructions that in the future replies are to be sent to acceptance letters regardless of whether the correspondent asks for additional information or details.

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TO : Mr. Clegg *MAC*

DATE: 6/11/53

FROM : C. L. Trotter

SUBJECT: BISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN
GRADUATION EXERCISES
51ST SESSION, FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY

10/11/53

ASAC Whelan called from New York. There has been a change in the transportation plans of Bishop Sheen. It seems as though today is the Bishop's 34th anniversary of being ordained as a priest and Whelan has just returned from a conference with him.

Bishop Sheen has advised Whelan that Mr. Julius G. Forstmann of the Forstmann Woolen Mills has just purchased a new twin-engine Beechcraft plane and he desires the Bishop to bless the plane tonight. Thereafter, Mr. and Mrs. Forstmann are going to fly the Bishop and Whelan to Washington in this new airplane. Whelan is to meet the Bishop at the Plaza Hotel at 7 p.m. 6/11/53. Their arrival time in Washington is uncertain. Likewise, the manner of transportation from the air port to the Sacred Heart Rectory where the Bishop will stay is uncertain since Whelan is getting his transportation second hand from the Bishop.

I have made arrangements for a chauffeur to be standing by tonight and if transportation is needed Whelan will call me from New York just prior to the time the plane departs.

In view of the fact that Whalen intends extending invitations to the Forstmann's to attend the graduation exercises, I have alerted Mr. H. A. Meyers who is in charge of the ushering arrangements to save 5 seats in the reserved section for Mr. and Mrs. Forstmann and party.

cc: Mr. Glavin
H. A. Meyers

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June 12, 1953

The Most Reverend Bishop Fulton J. Sheen
109 East 38th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Bishop Sheen:

Your speech at the graduation exercises of the Fifty-first Session of the FBI National Academy this morning was one of the finest and most inspirational talks I have ever heard. It was quite obvious in noting the attention and reaction of the audience that everyone was most favorably impressed.

All of us in the FBI consider it a distinct honor to have had you with us, and I want you to know that I personally appreciate very much your taking time from your very busy schedule to participate in our graduation ceremonies.

With best wishes and kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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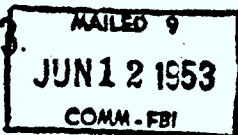
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Memo To: *H.H. Clegg*

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BISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN

Fulton J. Sheen, PH. D.; D.D., Agrege en Philosophie
de L'Universite de Louvain
Former Professor of Philosophy, Catholic University of America
Now National Director of the Society For the Propagation of the Faith
Author of over 36 books on religion, including "Peace of Soul"
One of world's outstanding radio speakers for over twenty years,
now outstanding in Television
Has given hundreds of lectures each year, sometimes as many as
six or seven in one day.

Bishop Sheen's charities will never be known and his gifts from
lecturing and writing have usually been sent to particular Catholic Char-
ities. He keeps nothing for himself.

The Bishop has little or no social life. He eats usually in
twenty to twenty-five minutes. He tries to save morning hours for creative
work, sees callers in the afternoon, and in the evenings does reading and
research.

Bishop Sheen never prepares a talk. He never uses notes and he
shifts the theme of his discussion by watching the people in the last row.
When they evidence restlessness, he changes to an illustration or anecdote.
Literally millions of Americans have heard him recite the poem, "Lovely
Lady Dressed in Blue".

His greatest devotion is to the Mother of God.

He became famous for the conversion to Catholicism of famous people,
including Claire Boothe Luce, Ambassador to Italy; and Henry Ford, II; also
converted LOUIS BUDENZ, former Editor-in-Chief of the Communist "Daily Worker";
and ELIZABETH BENTLEY, former Communist and Soviet courier.

Bishop Sheen advises that he does not make converts -- he merely
tills the soil of the soul. He says that Grace makes converts. He has kept
no record of the people he has baptized because, if he did so, he might lose
his influence over souls.

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Bishop Sheen related that during the Spanish Civil War, he and LOUIS BUDENZ, who was then Editor-in-Chief of the "Daily Worker", had a series of arguments and BUDENZ printed a series of purely rhetorical questions. Bishop Sheen took these questions and answered them by quoting the writings of LENIN and STALIN, calling it "Communism Answers The Questions of A Communist". He wrote to BUDENZ, invited him to lunch at any hotel BUDENZ might chose, and they met at the Hotel Commodore, New York City. BUDENZ' first remark was that he would tell Bishop Sheen what the Communists had against him, because he had refused to accept the fact that Russia was a Democracy. "How about Article 125 of the Soviet Constitution?", the Bishop asked. BUDENZ asked what Article 125 was, and the Bishop answered, that he did not wish to talk about the Soviet Constitution, but wanted to talk about BUDENZ' soul -- and they talked for a considerable time. Bishop Sheen heard nothing from BUDENZ for a number of years, but he knew that he would come back to see him. It was eight years later that BUDENZ wrote to Bishop Sheen and said he desired to see him. The Bishop advised him that, if it was about Communism, he was not interested, but if it was about his soul, he would see him immediately. BUDENZ replied that it was about his soul, and he began taking instructions in secret. He lived in a New York hotel under an assumed name, and the secret of his conversion was so well kept that, on the day Bishop Sheen received Budenz into the Catholic Church, BUDENZ' name appeared on the masthead of the Daily Worker as its Editor-in-Chief.

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Bishop Sheen remarked that, as a member of the debating team at St. Viator's College, in Illinois, the night before they were to debate with Notre Dame on the subject, "Should We Have A Subsidized Merchant Marine?", the coach of the team, a Father Bergin, took him aside and listened to his speech. At the end of the speech, Father Bergin told him he was the worst talker they ever had on the debating team. The Bishop asked why he had been selected if that were the case, and Father Bergin pointed out that he had not been picked for the way he talked, but for the way he thought. He told Bishop Sheen his delivery was "rotten", so they tried the speech a number of times and, at the end, the Priest asked the Bishop if he knew what he was doing wrong, and he finally remarked that, perhaps the speech did not sound, "natural". Father Bergin said that was the answer. Bishop Sheen said that that lesson taught him the secret of talking to a group of people.

He likes to play tennis and always dressed the part, with white scarf and white flannel trousers, and was a fashion plate on the court even though his game was not always up to par.

For years, he drove a light cream-colored convertible and he usually wore a camel hair coat, white scarf and dark glasses while driving, to avoid being recognized. Occasionally, he drove at a rate of speed higher than the speed limit, and it was necessary for him to use the full power of his oratory to talk his way out of a ticket when an enterprising motorcycle cop was about to give one to him.

In June, 1951, Bishop Sheen was consecrated a Bishop at Rome, and it was the first consecration in a century at Rome of an American Priest who had not lived or been a seminarian in that city. His nephew, Fulton J. Sheen III, who was a student at Louvain University, where the Bishop also studied, was one of the guests at the consecration. Immediately after becoming a Bishop in Rome, Bishop Sheen left his own group for a private audience with the Pope, who presented him with a Pectoral Cross. Almost immediately thereafter, the Bishop flew to the Grotto of Our Blessed Mother at Lourdes, a spot

which he has visited more than twenty times, to pray for his future success as a Bishop. He returned to America on an unscheduled plane, to escape publicity.

He lives a simple life in his New York home. He rises at 6:00 A. M., makes a Holy Hour after Mass, and does not appear at his desk until about 9:00 A. M. He has cut down on his lecture appointments, but he continues to write weekly columns for newspapers and he also writes books as well as sermons.

The Bishop was one of the outspoken prominent Americans who, in his lectures and on the radio, opposed both Nazism and Communism back in the 1930s.

He is very human and very humble.

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SA [REDACTED] of the New York Office furnished the following information:

"In May, 1952, my wife and I learned that our oldest daughter, Susanne, age 5, was stricken with acute leukemia and had approximately six months to live. As the realization of this news impressed itself upon us day by day, we found ourselves in a state of great anxiety and personal distress. In August, 1952 we wrote to Bishop Fulton J. Sheen and explained our situation relating to our daughter. In reply he invited us to visit him with Susanne to receive his blessing. His letter of reply was subsequently published in Collier's Magazine in the January 24, 1953 issue after the names were deleted.

"We accepted Bishop Sheen's invitation and visited him on August 19, 1952 at the national office of the Propagation of the Faith, 109 East 38th Street, New York City. He greeted us with great warmth and was extremely cordial and gracious and went to great lengths to make our visit a happy and memorable one. The Bishop gave Susanne several lovely gifts to delight a child, including a gold ring and an ivory rosary, both of which were subsequently buried with her. In addition he gave her his biretta which he autographed as well as a statue of the Blessed Mother and an ivory crucifix. He presented my wife with a beautiful World Mission rosary and gave me a heavy St. Christopher medal for my car. We spent approximately 45 minutes with the Bishop that day. He gave Susanne his special blessing and blessed us too. We cherish this visit deeply since it gave us a considerable amount of strength and consolation to stand behind us for what we were to face.

"Thereafter we kept the Bishop advised of Susanne's condition and were in fairly regular correspondence with him even to the present time, receiving six letters in all from him. The Bishop tried to arrange to visit Susanne at New York Hospital as her condition grew worse but unfortunately he was away visiting the missions in Alabama at the time. When she died on November 11, 1952, he was attending a Catholic-Episcopal conference in Washington, D.C. We received a lovely letter of consolation from him upon his return to New York and another one when our new child, Marian, was born on November 26, 1952.

"My wife's most recent contact with Bishop Sheen was at the end of April, 1953 when she spoke to him on the telephone after her discharge from the hospital. He has extended an invitation to us to visit him at any time that we feel the need or if there is anything that he can do to help us. Bishop Sheen is aware of my association with the Bureau."

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June 15, 1953

SPECIAL DELIVERY

The Most Reverend Bishop Fulton J. Sheen
109 East 38th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Bishop Sheen:

There are enclosed copies of photographs taken during and after the graduation exercises of the FBI National Academy on June 12, 1953, which I thought you might like to have.

Enclosed also are two copies of the transcript of your speech which I mentioned I would forward to you for editing prior to its being printed. I would deeply appreciate receiving your edited remarks as soon as possible in view of their widespread interest.

I do want to thank you once again for attending these ceremonies and addressing the graduating class.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover,

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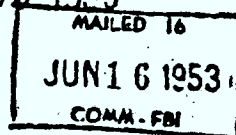
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June 12, 1953

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Mr. Mason has raised the question as to whether Mr. Julius Forstmann, in whose plane Bishop Sheen came to Washington and who will attend the Graduation this morning, should be brought to the room behind the stage before the Graduation Exercises or whether he should be seated in the Reserve Section and brought back after the Graduation. ASAC Whelan of the NY Office is accompanying Mr. Forstmann and unless advised to the contrary, Mr. Forstmann will not be brought back stage until after the Graduation exercises, at which time he will be introduced to you. There are no other members in this party.

It is noted that Mr. Forstmann is president of Forstmann Woolen Co. and their affiliates. Forstmann Woolens was established by Mr. Julius Forstmann, Sr. Upon his death in 1939 his son, Kurt, became president, and upon Kurt's death in 1950, the present Julius Forstmann became president of the Company.

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TO : Mr. Nichols *[initials]*

DATE: June 29, 1953

FROM : Mr. A. Jones *[initials]*SUBJECT: FBI NA GRADUATION ADDRESS
OF BISHOP SHEEN 6-12-53*BISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN*

It will be recalled that the Director advised Mr. David Lawrence he would forward him a copy of Bishop Sheen's remarks after the Bishop had edited them. The New York Office forwarded these edited remarks to the Bureau on 6-25-53.

The Director's remarks following Bishop Sheen's address have been modified to delete the reference to Milton Berle changing his time on television, since Berle, in fact, did not change his time of broadcast subsequent to Bishop Sheen's appearing on another network at the same time.

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MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN, Ph.D., D.D.
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THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

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June 29th, 1953

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover,

This is to acknowledge receipt of the photographs taken during the Graduation Exercises on June 12, 1953. I am very happy to have a record and memento of my association with a department which is so truly American both in its tradition and in its outlook.

Under separate cover, the revised copy of the speech has been sent to you.

Thanking you again for your gracious invitation and with very warmest regards, I remain

Faithfully yours in Christ,

National Director

Fulton J. Sheen

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August 10, 1953

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The Most Reverend Bishop Fulton J. Sheen
109 East 38th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Bishop Sheen:

I have learned that you are to receive
the Cardinal Gibbons Medal this year, and I wish to
offer you my hearty and sincere congratulations.

It is most fitting that you have been
designated as recipient of this high honor, and
as a friend and an admirer, I am confident that
the future will bring you continued success in your
endeavors to perpetuate all that the free world
holds dear.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. Edgar Hoover
Mailed by the Director

NOTE: The Alumni Association of Catholic University
announced on August 6, 1953, that Bishop Sheen is
receive this award in New York City on 11-8-53.

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Gibbons Prize To Be Given Bishop Sheen

The Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, auxiliary bishop of New York and noted television speaker, will receive the Cardinal Gibbons medal this year, the Alumni Association of Catholic University announced yesterday.

Bishop Sheen will be the first alumnus of Catholic University to win the annual award, established in 1947 in honor of the late James Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore and Washington and one of the founders of the university.

Previous winners include Dr. Carlton J. H. Hayes, former Ambassador to Spain; Gen. Carlos P. Romulo, former Philippines Ambassador to the United States, and the late Fulton J. Oursler, Catholic writer.

Bishop Sheen, national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, taught philosophy at Catholic University for many years.

The award will be made at the 1953 reunion for the alumni in New York City November 8.

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August 17, 1953

The Most Reverend Bishop Fulton J. Sheen
109 East 38th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Bishop Sheen:

I am taking the liberty of forwarding you
a copy of the August, 1953, issue of "The Investigator"
which I thought you might like to have.

On page twenty-six there appears a copy
of a photograph taken at the National Academy
Graduation Exercises.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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August 25, 1953

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I am deeply grateful to you for your kind and encouraging letter regarding the Cardinal Gibbons Medal. I accept your words of praise as the window pane receives rays of light, not to store them, but to let them pass through me, back again to God, the Giver of all gifts. Your good wishes are an assurance of a friendship that I cherish, and your gracious message is a delight to my heart.

Thank you too, for your thoughtfulness in sending us a copy of "The Investigator". We are indeed happy to have this record of the National Academy Graduation Exercises.

With renewed sentiments of gratitude, and with very warmest personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

National Director

Fulton J. Sheen

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
United States Department of Justice
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Today's Christian Martyrs Described by Bishop Sheen

Although most have escaped with their lives, the Christian martyrs of today "have manifested as much love as those who died in the Coliseum," the Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen declared in an address here last night.

The noted television orator and auxiliary bishop of New York spoke, in his role of national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, at a meeting of the Mission Sending Societies of the Catholic Church, in annual session at the Shoreham Hotel.

Bishop Sheen detailed the mental tortures of priests and nuns at the hands of Communists and compared present persecutions with those suffered by the early Christians. He estimated that more Christians have been martyred in the past 38 years than "anytime in the first three centuries."

After describing cases of "brain-washing," "brain-changing" (through fatigue, drugs and ceaseless repetition of phrases) and attempts at corrupting the soul, the New York prelate said he believed the church "will have to find a new category for the martyrs of our time."

"We will have to rewrite our breviaries and reword our missals," he declared.

Bishop Sheen gave an illustration of successful "brain-changing" by the Chinese Communists. The United States Army, he said, dressed some Chinese as Communists and then, as a test, told some returned American prisoners whose brains had been changed that if they joined this group of supposed Communists they would be shot. The GIs joined the group nevertheless.

"It is interesting that brain-changing is practically never effective with someone who has the faith," he observed.

Cardinal Mindszenty, a resolute Catholic, he said, made one of his Communist captors cry in exasperation, "Why is it that Jesus was able to drive the devil out, and we can't put the devil into a man!"

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SA Edward W. Buckley had the opportunity of meeting with His Excellency, Most Reverend Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, National Director, Society of the Propagation of the Faith, recently as a result of a request for Bishop Sheen to appear before the FBIRA Communion Breakfast in Washington, D. C.

His Excellency deeply regretted that he could not appear at the Communion Breakfast because of onerous duties at the present time and because he is awaiting orders to depart for Rome on official business. He pointed out to SA Buckley the deep affection and high regard he had for the Director and the FBI.

During his visit with Bishop Sheen, SA Buckley gave the Bishop a reprint of the Director's article which appeared recently in "This Week", magazine of the New York Herald Tribune, entitled, "Breaking the Communist Spell". His Excellency was most appreciative of receiving this material and indicated that such material was of great interest to him. It is thought by this office that, as a gesture of cooperation, the Bureau might desire to place His Excellency, Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen, D.D., 109 East 38th Street, New York 17, New York, on the Director's mailing list, to receive material suitable for dissemination which would be of interest to him.

HE is already on the mailing list.

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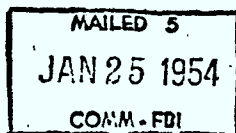
For your information, Bishop Sheen is already on the Bureau's mailing list and receives material which the Bureau periodically distributes.

NOTE: Bishop Sheen is on the Special Correspondents' List.

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January 8th, 1954

My dear Mr. Hoover,

I have received your gracious letter of December 28th concerning the National Crime Prevention Week sponsored by the National Exchange Club.

If my subject admits of a discussion of this theme, I shall be very happy to do so.

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May I take this opportunity to renew my best wishes and warmest personal regards.

Wishing you every blessing, I am

Faithfully yours in Christ,


Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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Bishop Sheen

Writes:

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COMMUNISM glorifies work as the new god to which cult and worship must be paid. Just as democracies since the French Revolution have substituted freedom for God, and made it the supreme goal to be served, so now communism has made labor the deity which man must adore. Freedom and work actually are false gods. Freedom is not the goal of democracy, if freedom is understood as freedom from something. Freedom from something must necessarily be freedom for something. Freedom without law is license, and unlimited freedom eventually ends in unlimited tyranny. Neither is work a god, for thieves work, so do beavers, so do guards in Soviet concentration camps. There, therefore, must be something besides mere work to distinguish it from animal instinct and crime. That missing element, which communism has left out of work, is the freedom and the value of human personality.

But in order to understand how this has come to pass, it is interesting to compare some views of work thruout the centuries.

THE Greeks had little esteem for manual work. Their ethical ideal of a gentleman was one who did not have to work with his hands. Work was a sign of indignity. Hesiod held that in the Golden Age no one worked; it was only when man degenerated, that work came into being. Even for Plato, the man who worked with his hands was disqualified from higher service to his country. Aristotle held there could be no true friendship between the master and the slave. It seemed that the reason for looking down on work was because it demanded the transformation of raw material. There is a record to the effect that in Thebes a shopkeeper could become a magistrate only after 10 years of retirement.

This snobbery and false aristocracy of the intellectuals was far below the Old Testament idea of work, which regarded it not only as a necessity, and an expiation for sin, but also because it was a sign of kinship with God. Six days God labored creating the universe; man, by working on the raw maerial of the universe, enters into fellowship with God. The rest on the seventh day was not because of weariness, but in order that there might be associated with all work contemplation and worship.

This idea continues in the New Testament, where work is sanctified by the intention of co-operating with God. St. Paul says that all things co-operate unto good in those who are called to be saints. He bids man to offer up his work, his recreations and his meals in the name of Christ, in order to gain merit. Our divine Lord said that even a drink of cold water given in His name would receive a reward a hundred fold. Our Savior thus removed the Greek stigma on work and set at naught the ignobility of working on material things, by Himself plying the trade of a carpenter.

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THIS review makes it possible to understand what communists have done with the work. Having completely eliminated the divine, and reduced man to matter, work loses all personal significance. A man under communism does not work to perfect himself in his soul, for the communists say he has none, nor to gain merits, for to the communist there is no future. He is merely a tool to produce more wealth for the state. The communists accused the capitalists of exploiting labor for their profit; tho this may have been done in some instances in a retail fashion, communism exploits workers in a wholesale fashion for the sake of the state. Article 47 of the Soviet Labor Code says that "The worker who, without valid reason, is absent from work for a whole day will be dismissed from his work and will forfeit his lodging."

Democracies can take warning from this materialization of man. Let it not be thought that man is for production and nothing else, for then the Soviet tyranny will be upon us. Rather production is for man. Production for man's consumption; man's work is a means and not an end; the purpose of work is not just to enable man to live, but to enable man to live virtuously. Man is not made just to work, but rather he works because work is an expression of his intelligence made in the image of God, and he has inherited this urge from his maker. In the last resort we work not for the sake of license or week-ends or for production, but to honor and worship God.

Walter Dill

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REV. FULTON J. SHEEN, Ph.D., D.D.
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March 31st, 1954

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

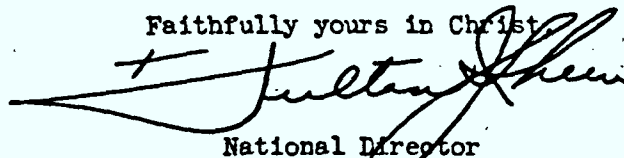
My dear Mr. Hoover,

Many thanks for the correspondence you have sent us concerning Dr. Barnhouse and the Eternity Magazine.

I cannot understand why anyone who publishes a magazine entitled Eternity should pick a quarrel with religious people. You have handled the manner very ably in your own way and we trust that this libel against your great organization will not occur again.

Wishing you every blessing and assuring you of my prayers, I remain

Faithfully yours in Christ


Fulton J. Sheen
National Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI

DATE: 12/20/54

FROM: SAC, New York

SUBJECT: Most Reverend Bishop FULTON J. SHEEN

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ATTN: TRAINING AND INSPECTION DIVISION

To: SAC

Date: 1-12-55

(b2) His Excellency is an educator, writer, well known radio and television personality, and national director of Society for the Propagation of the Faith (Roman Catholic Church); office, 109 East 38th Street, New York City.

III. PAST RELATIONS WITH THE FIELD OFFICE

1953. His Excellency addressed the NA graduation in June,

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IV. THUMBNAIL SKETCH OF KNOWN HISTORY

Bishop FULTON J. SHEEN was born May 8, 1895, in El Paso, Illinois. He received his AB Degree from St. Viator College, Kankakee, Illinois, in 1917, an MA Degree in 1919. He was ordained a priest from St. Paul Seminary, Minnesota, in 1919. He received STB and JCB, Catholic University, 1920; and Ph.D., Louvain, Belgium, 1923. In addition, he has received many honorable degrees. Since ordination to the priesthood in 1919, he has been an author of many books, teacher and lecturer at Catholic University, and has participated in radio and television broadcasts, "Life is Worth Living", and director of Society for Propagation of the Faith; Office and residence, 109 East 38th Street, New York City; phone number LEXington 2-5710.

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December 19, 1955

FULTON J. M. SKEEN
Born: May 8, 1895
El Paso, Illinois

Reference is made to your name check requests concerning the captioned individuals, requesting only copies of reports of any security-type investigations conducted by this Bureau. In response you are advised that no such investigations of these persons have been conducted by the FBI.

The foregoing information is furnished to you as a result of your request for an FBI file check and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individual involved. This information is furnished for your use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (94-4 Sub 6389)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (80-671)
SUBJECT: MOST REVEREND BISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN

DATE: 12/28/55

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Re SAC letter number 55-74.

New business address:

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366 Fifth Avenue
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 3-7-56

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

Fulton J. Sheen

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Fred Mullen has a Kinescope which is the 16 mm. film of the recent broadcast of Bishop Sheen wherein he traced the history of the Communist Party. This broadcast has been the subject of considerable comment. Mullen wanted to arrange a mutually convenient time when it could be shown in classroom number 1 for the benefit of any of our people who would like to see it, as well as the benefit of Mr. Tompkins and those in the Internal Security Division of the Department. I told Mullen that we would check on the availability of the classroom and let him know in the next day or two.

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cc - Mr. McGuire

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

Mr. Tolson *1 per 3/19/56*

DATE: March 7, 1956

FROM :

L. B. Nichols *LBN*

SUBJECT:

Fulton J.

Reference is made to my memorandum earlier today concerning the desire of Mr. Mullen of the Department to display a .16 mm film of Bishop Sheen's broadcast wherein he traced the history of the Communist Party. Mullen was arranging to have Mr. Tompkins of the Department and those of the Internal Security Division of the Department see the film. I told him I would let him know on the availability of Classroom #1.

Classroom #1 is available all day tomorrow. Mullen would like to have the film shown at 3:00 p.m. Accordingly, we have made arrangements for an operator from the Photo Lab to show this film at 3:00 p.m., Thursday afternoon, March 8, 1956. The film lasts 28 minutes. Mullen will send the film to my office in the morning in order that we may have the Bureau film operator check it prior to the showing. The Training and Inspection Division will see that the classroom is in tiptop, presentable order.

Mr. Mullen thought possibly some of our own people in the Bureau from the Domestic Intelligence Division and other spots about the Bureau might be interested in seeing the film and invites them to come on up to Classroom #1 at 3:00 p.m. Mullen inquired as to how many the room would hold and was told about 90 or 100. He stated he would expect to have 70 or so from the Department and he was told this was satisfactory. I doubt if we will have more than 20 from the Bureau who would go so there would be adequate room. Mr. Belmont may wish to have some of the personnel from his Division see this film, and if so, should have them go on up to Classroom #1 at 3:00 p.m. tomorrow.

cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mason
Mr. Mohr, attn. Mr. Krahling, Photo Lab
Mr. Jones

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Mr. Tolson

March 9, 1956

L. B. Nichols

FBI CATHOLIC COMMUNION BREAKFAST, APRIL 8, 1956

You will recall in October, 1956, a memorandum was sent through indicating that, if approved, an invitation would be extended to Bishop Fulton J. Sheen to be the principal speaker at the FBI Communion Breakfast. The invitation was to be extended by SAC Kelly in New York and the Bishop was to be advised that the committee would await his pleasure as to a convenient date between January and the latter part of April, 1956.

Bishop Sheen contacted the New York Office 3-8-56 and indicated he would accept with pleasure the invitation extended by the FBI Communion Breakfast committee. He named April 8, 1956, as the date most convenient to him. DeLoach told SAC Kelly, upon being advised, he should inform the Bishop's office that this date would be convenient to the committee. We will, of course, keep you and the Director fully advised of further details in this regard. The committee is, of course, hopeful the Director and you will be able to attend this event. A formal invitation will be extended to you at a later date.

SAC Kelly has been instructed to report to the Bureau for a 2-day conference on April 9 and 10, 1956. Kelly knows Bishop Sheen personally. If the Director has no objection, we plan to ask Kelly to accompany the Bishop to Washington on Sunday morning, 4-8-56.

ACTION: For information.

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May 7th, 1956

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Your gracious letter of May first, addressed to Bishop Sheen, and the current issue of "The Investigator" has just been received.

At present, His Excellency is in Rome, attending the annual International Meeting of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith. We shall, however, hold the letter and the book until his return at which time we shall bring it to the Bishop's attention. We know His Excellency will be most happy to have this.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Fulton J. Sheen
Secretary to
Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen

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