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FRANCIS (CARDINAL) SPELLMAN

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June 17, 1948

His Excellency  
Most Reverend Francis J. Spellman  
Archbishop of New York  
452 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Archbishop Spellman:

I was extremely sorry not to have the pleasure and privilege of being with you last Thursday in New York City. However, I thoroughly understand the demands upon your time and the reason why it was necessary for you to be out of the city at that time.

I enjoyed immensely the luncheon meeting with [redacted] and his associates and am indeed grateful to you for your kind invitation to me.

I hope I may have the opportunity of seeing you at some future time when you are in Washington.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
JUN 18 1948  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

REVEREND  
J. SPELLMAN, D.D.  
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MOST REVEREND  
JOHN F. O'HARA, C.S.C., D.D.  
MILITARY DELEGATE

Military Ordinariate

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

33 EAST 51ST STREET  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

TELEPHONE PLAZA 9-7888

REVEREND  
ROBERT E. MCCORMICK, J.C.D.  
CHANCELLOR

REVEREND  
JOSEPH J. TENNANT, D.D.  
ASSISTANT CHANCELLOR

June 21, 1942.

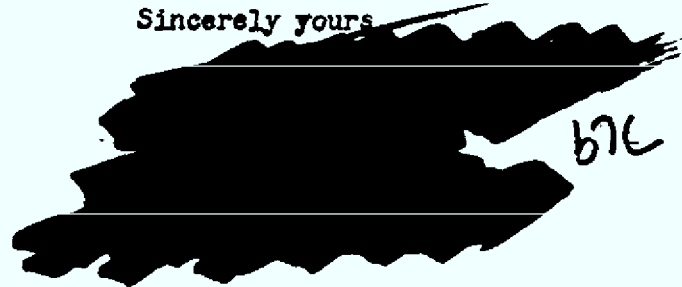
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am glad that you enjoyed the luncheon.  
I was particularly happy to have another visit with  
you, and the Archbishop has confirmed my standing  
invitation for you to lunch at his home whenever  
you are in New York.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

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Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I thought you might be interested in having information concerning the identity of those present at the luncheon at Archbishop Francis Spellman's residence on June 11, 1942.

In addition to The [REDACTED], the following were in attendance:

I have also had occasion to [redacted] with [redacted] and [redacted] and he has advised me that he and the Archbishop were [redacted]

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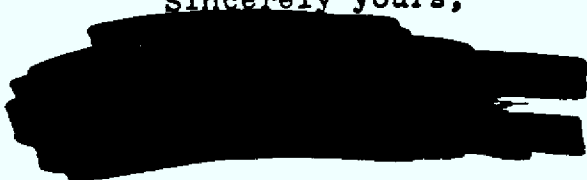
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Mr. John Edgar Hoover

New York, New York  
June 16, 1942

extremely sorry that they could not attend the luncheon, inasmuch as both had heard that all those who did attend the luncheon enjoyed it very much.

Sincerely yours,



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



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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, New York

October 17, 1942

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

Dear Sir:

Please be informed that on October 13, 1942, Mr. [REDACTED] of this office contacted [REDACTED] b7c

FRANCIS J. SPELLMAN.

During the conversation [REDACTED] advised that both the Archbishop and himself were very disappointed that they were unable to keep a previous luncheon engagement with you. [REDACTED] further advised that the Archbishop would like you to have lunch or dinner with him when you were next in New York or whenever you found it convenient. [REDACTED] indicated that the Archbishop is anxious to have an opportunity to sit down and talk with you. b7c

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] of the fact that you enjoyed your previous luncheon with [REDACTED] but that you had expressed your regret that the Archbishop was unable to be present. [REDACTED] informed by [REDACTED] that you would be advised of the Archbishop's kind invitation. b7c

Very truly yours

Assistant Director



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New York, New York

My dear

of our New York Field Office, has advised me of his recent conversation with you. He indicated that you had extended to me a most kind invitation to have lunch or dinner with Archbishop Spellman and you at some future date.

I was extremely sorry that we were unable to get together some time ago and I hope that the next time I am in New York we can make arrangements in this regard.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Tolson cc New York  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
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ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE  
452 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK

November 25, 1942

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It was gracious indeed of you to write to me and I am honored and pleased to know that you read ~~THE ROAD~~ TO VICTORY and that you think it will be helpful.

I read your numerous, excellent speeches and I really feel we could pinch hit for each other as we seem to have similar appraisals on various matters.

With kind regards and still looking forward to the pleasure of meeting you personally at luncheon or at dinner here in New York, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*A. Spellman*

Archbishop of New York

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

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November 18, 1942

His Excellency  
Most Reverend Francis J. Spellman  
Archbishop of New York  
452 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Archbishop Spellman:

Bishop O'Hara was kind enough to forward to me a copy of your very excellent book "The Road To Victory." I want you to know that I not only enjoyed your book immensely but feel that every man and woman in America must concur with you whole-heartedly in all of your thoughts concerning our eventual peace if we are to continue our democratic way of life.

Regardless of the numerous fronts on which our soldiers and sailors are fighting at this time, our victories will depend as much on the protection of internal America, our faith in God, and our morality at home, as our winning of battles on foreign fields.

The road to victory outlined in your book is truly the only road to victory.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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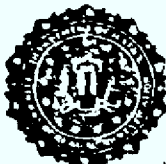
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

November 17, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NICHOLS

RE: Book review  
"The Road To Victory"  
By Archbishop Francis J. Spellman

The above entitled book was forwarded to the Director by [redacted] "The Road To Victory" is a scholarly treatise composed of the innermost thoughts of Archbishop Spellman. It could easily be used as a text for a series of sermons. It contains numerous quotations from the Apostles, various Popes, outstanding Americans such as George Washington and President Roosevelt, and several quotations from Jesus Christ. Most of these quotations deal with how much more can be attained through peace than through war, as well as the undeniable value of prayer.

Archbishop Spellman feels that too many Americans have forgotten how to pray, as well as the value of the church in the scheme of things. He feels that regardless of the battles we win in the air, on the land, and on the sea, we cannot attain ultimate victory unless we follow the Ten Commandments and renew our faith in prayer and God.

He speaks violently against moral degradation and paganism which has engulfed not only America but the entire world. He states that disintegration and defeat can come to us from within as well as from without our borders. He asserts himself very definitely against those who use American freedom of speech to make venomous, subversive speeches against our form of government and the public advocacy of violent measures to overthrow it.

He states, "The Church has not failed in its mission to men but men and nations have failed to follow God... Nations have unjustly and cruelly sought to extend their boundaries by recourse to arms in the most widespread, devastating war in history, which if it be not Armageddon, is certainly its vestibule. The Church should have no sword save the sword of the Spirit... While no rays of hope are yet visible on the world's dark-red horizon, our trust in God must not be lessened... From Peter to Pius there is a continuing story of high moral



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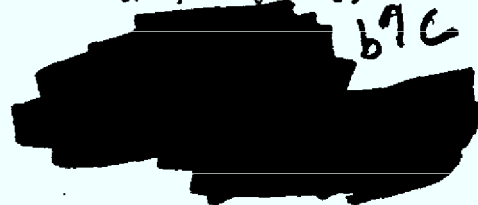
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courage in defense of truth, justice, charity and peace, the four words that frequently recur in all Papal pronouncements... Only by respecting the mutual rights of others can we insure the precious heritage of our civil liberties to the Americans of centuries yet to be... Today there are Americans who protect themselves with the flag of our country for the purpose of destroying that for which it stands, who stretch the wings of the American Eagle to break them."

"America's morale draws its strength not alone from natural courage but also from a just cause and a just God... So I say let us try religion, let us try religious living and let us try it on ourselves. It is not enough for us to wish and to expect our neighbor to love God and keep His commandments. We must first look to ourselves... Some countries have been destroyed by fifth columns and Trojan horses and America has centipede columns and whole stables of Trojan horses. Against them we must be on guard for the fight for freedom is never permanently won. To maintain freedom in America we must respect the rights of others to freedom. But, we must not grant so much freedom to others that they enslave us and destroy our beloved country."

Respectfully,

A large, dark, irregular redacted area covering the signature. To the right of the redaction, the handwritten letters "b7c" are visible.A large, stylized handwritten mark, possibly a signature or initials, resembling a cursive "W" or "G".

TRUTH TO VICTORY, by Archbishop Francis J. Spellman. 126 pages. Scribner's. \$2.75—A call to the crusade for human rights. The appeal is straight to the conscience and reason. It is supported by the faith in God and man without which, according to the Archbishop, the citizen cannot fully discharge his obligation to society during a supreme opportunity. Like Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, the Archbishop directly invokes the wisdom of Christ applied to a disintegrated civilization.

ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE  
452 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	✓
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Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

*V. E. P.*

November 30th, 1942

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Congratulations on your twenty-five years of devoted, patriotic, successful service to the country in the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I do not know whether you have read the editorial in the November 28th issue of THE TABLET, but in case it was not brought to your attention, I am enclosing it herewith.

With very best wishes and kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*A. Spellman*  
Archbishop of New York

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### Notable Service

Recently J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation marked his twenty-fifth year with the organization of which he is the guiding genius. Despite the fact that Mr. Hoover has been an aggressive, determined, relentless foe of all who make a profession of crime, and despite the fact that the investigations of his Bureau have reached into every strata of American life, his stature in the public mind is greater now than it has ever been. The new responsibilities thrust upon his organization by the war have, due to his able leadership, added to the lustre of his reputation.

What has appealed to the majority of Americans in the personality of the Director of the F.B.I. is his sound, realistic, common sense approach to the problem of crime. His analyses of the causes of crime have always been keen and incisive. The remedies he has been proposing, with greater or less success, have been along sane, sensible lines. His special interest in the youthful criminal and the methods he has suggested for the elimination of this tremendous problem from American life might be considered somewhat "old-fashioned" by modern simplifiers. But, especially in his repeated insistence on strong family discipline and healthy family life, he has gone right to the root of the problem.

J. Edgar Hoover has been a capable, energetic, efficient and patriotic public servant. He, more than any other individual, is responsible for the building up of one of the finest law enforcement agencies in the world. But he has done more than to organize and direct a magnificent crime bureau. He has given direction and leadership to all who are interested both in the prevention of crime and the rehabilitation of the criminal. The people of The United States owe more than a vote of thanks to J. Edgar Hoover for his twenty-five years of outstanding public service.

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His Excellency  
Most Reverend Francis J. Spellman  
Archbishop of New York  
452 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Archbishop Spellman:

I am deeply appreciative of your letter of November 30th extending congratulations upon my twenty-five years of service with the Federal government. It was very thoughtful of you to send along a copy of the editorial entitled "Notable Service" which appeared in the November 20, 1942, issue of The Brooklyn Tablet.

Through the years, one of my greatest sources of encouragement has been the unwavering loyalty of my good friends. I hope we will be able to work together in the same spirit of mutual accord.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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452 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK  
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May 10, 1944

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I thank you very much for your kindness and thoughtfulness in sending me copies of two of your recent addresses, which I have read with interest and have kept in my file. If I have the time, I plan to write an article on "Juvenile Delinquency" and I know that your observations will be very helpful to me.

With kind regards and best wishes from [REDACTED] and myself, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

*[Signature]*  
Archbishop of New York

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Coffey ✓  
Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
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Mr. Mohr ✓  
Mr. Carson ✓  
Mr. Hendon ✓  
Mr. Mumford ✓  
Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓  
Mr. Nease ✓

*Mr. J. Edgar Hoover*

New York, New York  
June 2, 1944

Director, FBI

Attention: [REDACTED]

RE: ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS J. SPELLMAN;

SOURCES OF INFORMATION - LATIN AMERICA

Dear Sir:

On June 1, 1944, Special Agent [REDACTED] while in New York City preparing for [REDACTED] at the suggestion [REDACTED] renewed his acquaintance with ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS J. SPELLMAN of New York. [REDACTED] in arranging with the Archbishop. Special Agent [REDACTED] likewise met [REDACTED] of the United States Armed Forces, also stationed in New York.

During Agent [REDACTED] conference with Archbishop Spellman, it was discreetly ascertained that in October 1944, there will be a Eucharistic Congress which is to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina. [REDACTED] has been invited to attend as a representative of the United States Catholic Hierarchy. [REDACTED] and Archbishop Spellman are considering the possibility of the Archbishop's likewise attending the Congress with [REDACTED]. The plans of both the Archbishop and the [REDACTED] are not final and it is not known at this time whether either of them will go to Argentina for the Congress.

During Special Agent [REDACTED] conference with the Archbishop, the [REDACTED] was discreetly outlined to the Archbishop and the presence of a Bureau representative in New York City assigned to this program was outlined to Archbishop Spellman. Before the conference terminated, Agent [REDACTED] made preliminary arrangements whereby Mr. [REDACTED] would meet Archbishop Spellman for the purpose of cultivating the Archbishop's acquaintance in the event that at any future time, questions might arise relative to which the Archbishop could assist the Bureau in answering.

As the Bureau already knows, [REDACTED] is intimately acquainted with South America and knows personally a great number of the

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New York, N. Y.  
June 2, 1944

Bishops of the Catholic Church stationed in the various Latin American countries. It was through [redacted] that the convention was held in the United States in 1942 at which many Catholic Bishops and Archbishops from Latin America were in attendance. [redacted] b7c

During Agent [redacted] conversation with both Archbishop Spellman and [redacted] these two members of the clergy spoke in very laudatory terms of the Director and the Bureau. b7c

The foregoing is being brought to the Bureau's attention for its information.

Very truly yours,

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New York, N. Y.  
November 24, 1944

Director, FBI

Attention: D. M. LADD

RE: ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS J. SPELLMAN

Dear Sir:

On November 22, 1944, during a conversation between [redacted] of the New York SIS office and [redacted] information, [redacted] furnished certain information relative to the future of Archbishop Spellman which should prove of interest to the Bureau.

[redacted] stated that on November 21, 1944, he was discussing world post-war situations with an extremely reliable source who advised him that for the past few months, the Pope has had two or three Prelates travelling around the United States conducting a survey to determine the interest of this country in the world post-war period. [redacted] source continued that there seemed to be little question but that in the near future, Archbishop Francis Spellman of New York City would be raised to the office of Cardinal and will be appointed by the Pope as the Papal Secretary of State. The source added that this is being contemplated in view of the obvious post-war position of the United States in temporal affairs, the strength of the Catholic Church in the United States; and the need for an outstanding American clergyman to be attached to the Vatican in a position of prominence.

[redacted] added that this prospective appointment by the Pope would place the United States in the prominent position on dealings in spiritual affairs that it already holds in temporal affairs.

The foregoing information is being brought to the attention of the Bureau for its general interest in the subject matter.

Very truly yours,

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. [REDACTED] MRH  
 FROM : Mr. [REDACTED]  
 SUBJECT: Archbishop Spellman

DATE: April 12, 1945

Mr. Tolson ✓  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓  
 Mr. Clegg ✓  
 Mr. Coffey ✓  
 Mr. Glavin ✓  
 Mr. Ladd ✓  
 Mr. Nichols ✓  
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 Miss Gandy ✓

In the course of the coverage of the [REDACTED] it was learned that under date of March 20, 1945, [REDACTED] at Washington cabled Madrid that he had had an interview with the Apostolic Delegate and had questioned him concerning the persistent rumor that Archbishop Spellman was to receive the appointment as Secretary of State of the Vatican. The Apostolic Delegate gave no definite opinion, but his conversation led [REDACTED] to believe that such an appointment was a possibility. [REDACTED] conjecturing about this appointment suggested the following three reasons which, in his opinion, might influence the appointment of Archbishop Spellman:

1. An Italian Cardinal, if appointed, might be accused of having Fascist connections, but Archbishop Spellman could not possibly be so attacked and his appointment would, to some extent, protect the Vatican against the attacks of Russia.
2. Communism will be the most important political problem in the United States after the termination of the war and it would be beneficial to the Vatican if the Secretary of State were an American Cardinal.
3. As the United States is the banker of the World the Vatican would benefit by the appointment of Archbishop Spellman.

## ACTION:

These observations are interesting since for centuries it has been the practice to designate only Italian nationals to positions of prominence in connection with the Vatican.

*Spellman, the*

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December 29, 1945

His Eminence  
Cardinal Francis J. Spellman  
452 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York

Your Eminence:

I was deeply touched when I received word of your designation by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, to the ecclesiastical rank of Cardinal. I feel that this recognition of your outstanding contribution to the cause of Christianity is a fitting tribute to your zeal and ability. I extend to you my sincere congratulations and my best wishes.

Respectfully yours,

(s) J. Edgar Hoover  
Mailed by the Director

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January 10, 1946

His Eminence  
Francis Cardinal Spellman  
452 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York

Your Eminence:

Again I wanted to thank you for your kind and understanding remarks at the annual board meeting of the Catholic Youth Organization on Tuesday night. I enjoyed so much being with the group and having the opportunity of seeing you again.

With reference to our conversation, I am enclosing a copy of the January issue of the Leatherneck, wherein, on page 18, you will find the article which we discussed. As we said, I think it is erroneous to refer to the returning veteran as a soldier problem; it is America's opportunity.

With expressions of my highest esteem,  
I remain

Sincerely yours,

J. Walter Beaver

Enclosure

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Rome, Italy  
February 7, 1946

Director, FBI

Re: Archbishop FRANCIS J. SPELIMAN  
Foreign Miscellaneous

Dear Sir:

As the Bureau is aware, the above named Archbishop is due to arrive at Rome on February 14, 1946 in order to be consecrated a Cardinal by Pope Pius XII.

Recently there has been considerable speculation in Vatican circles and among the Rome public at large as to the possibility of the appointment of Subject as Papal Secretary of State. It will be recalled that the present Pope was formerly Papal Secretary of State. It is generally believed that the Papal Secretary of State has a better than average chance of being elected Pope. This fact has increased the local interest, due to the possibility of having the first American Pope in history. Speculation has been especially rampant in view of the fact that the present Pope is said to be tubercular, and in poor health generally.

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[redacted] advised the writer on instant date that he was advised by a nephew of the Pope, and himself a Cardinal, that Subject would be appointed Papal Secretary of State. This [redacted] is known to be reliable source of information is believed to be reliable.

The foregoing is submitted as of possible interest to the Bureau with regard to the political situation within the Vatican.

Very truly yours,

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Edward A. Tamm  
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WFO  
Via Courier Pouch

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February 20, 1946.

Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

There is attached hereto a clipping from the DIARIO  
COMERCIAL of San Pedro Sula, Honduras for February 20, 1946 which  
is a photographic reproduction of Cardinal Elect Spellman presenting  
the Director a medal from the Association of Catholic Youth of  
New York.

The Diario Comercial is the leading newspaper of Honduras  
and has widespread circulation throughout Honduras.

Very truly yours,  
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EL CARDENAL ELLIOTT SPELLMAN LE ENTREGA UNA MEDALLA AL DIRECTOR DEL BUREAU DE INVESTIGATION FEDERAL DE LOS EE. UU. El Cardenal-Electo de Nueva York, Su Eminencia, Francis J. Spellman, hace entrega de la medalla de 1945, de la Asociación de la Juventud Católica de la Diócesis de Nueva York, al director del Bureau de Investigación Federal, J. Edgar Hoover, por su lucha contra la delincuencia juvenil y sus causas. Foto de la Int. Th. News.

DIARIO COMERCIAL

San Pedro Sula, Honduras

February 20, 1946

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EL CARDENAL EUGENIO SPILLMAN LE ENTREGA UNA MEDALLA AL DIRECTOR DEL BUREAU DE INVESTIGATION FEDERAL DE LOS EE. UU. — El Cardenal Eucio de Nueva York, Su Eminencia, Francis J. Spellman, hace entrega de la medalla de 1946 de la Asociación de la Juventud Católica de la Diócesis de Nueva York, al director del Bureau de Investigación Federal, J. Edgar Hoover, por su lucha contra la delincuencia juvenil y sus causas. (Foto de la Inf. N.º 100)

DIARIO COMERCIAL

San Pedro Sula, Honduras

February 20, 1946.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

New York, N.Y.  
May 8, 1946

MEMO FOR SAC CONROY

On April 25, 1946 the writer was taken on official business to the office of the Military Ordinate of the Catholic Church at 462 Madison Avenue, New York City, where he met [redacted] FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN, and [redacted] also a [redacted] Cardinal SPELLMAN, and former Major General and Chief of all Chaplains in the Armed Service.

In the course of a friendly social conversation with [redacted] both spoke very highly of the Director, whom [redacted] had met, and particularly mentioned his recent public references to the deterring effect that the Catholic Church has had upon Juvenile Delinquency. [redacted] also specifically mentioned and praised the Director for his unflinching recent attacks upon Communism in the United States. They both indicated that the Director well merited the public esteem in which he is held.

[redacted] stated that he has been receiving bulletins on the Director's speeches which formerly came to [redacted] a friend of the Director's, and which he reads before forwarding to [redacted] and which he has found both interesting and educational.

[redacted] mentioned that he has met you and as your guest has made a tour of the New York Field Division, which he found delightful and an "eye opener". He sends his very best regards to you and from his comments holds you in very high regard and carefully follows the work of the FBI in New York City.

The above is being set out in the event that you might desire to bring it to the attention of the Director when he next visits New York.

[redacted] Special Agent.

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Mr. Gurnea	
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Mr. J. J. Jones	
Mr. Quinn	
Miss Gandy	

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New York, N. Y.  
May 17, 1946

Mr. Hoover:

I am attaching hereto a copy  
of a memorandum of Special Agent  
[redacted] dated May 8, 1946  
regarding his conversation with [redacted]

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I think this will be of interest  
to you.

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May 23, 1946

AIR MAIL

His Eminence  
Francis Cardinal Spellman  
452 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

Your Eminence:

It gives me great pleasure to extend to you an invitation to deliver the graduation address on the occasion of the graduation of the members of the Thirty-second Session of the FBI National Academy in Washington, D. C. at 10:30 A.M. on Friday, June 28, 1946. The graduation exercises will be held in the Departmental Auditorium located on Constitution Avenue between Twelfth and Fourteenth Streets in Washington, D. C., and will be attended by a capacity audience of more than 1,400 persons including members of Congress and officials of the Executive Departments.

The National Academy was established in 1935 for the purpose of training police executives. Since that time, 1,297 police officials representing all of the United States, its territories, and numerous foreign countries have been graduated.

I can assure you that the members of the Thirty-second Session would be deeply honored by your acceptance of this invitation, and that we in the FBI would also feel it a singular honor to have you with us. I am looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to a favorable reply from you. If there is any further information which you would like to have regarding the Academy or the exercises, I will be glad to have one of the officials of this Bureau call upon you.

With assurances of my very best wishes and highest regards,

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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CARDINAL'S RESIDENCE  
452 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK

June 3, 1946.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you very much for your kind note of May twenty-third. I have delayed answering it a few days to see if I could adjust my schedule so that I could accept your kind invitation to deliver the graduation address to the members of the Thirty-second Session of the FBI National Academy in Washington, D. C., at ten-thirty o'clock a. m. on Friday, June 28th, 1946.

I am happy to say that I am now able to accept this invitation.

With kind regards and thanking you for thinking of me,  
I am

Very sincerely yours,

*A. Cardinal Spellman*  
Archbishop of New York

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Mr. Carson	✓
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Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Hendon	✓
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Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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His Eminence  
Francis Cardinal Spellman  
452 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

Your Eminence:

I am delighted to learn from your letter of June 3, 1946, that you will deliver the graduation address to the members of the Thirty-Second Session of the FBI National Academy in Washington on June 28. All of us in the FBI and the members of the Academy will be greatly honored by your presence.

I am asking Mr. E. E. Conroy, Special Agent in Charge of our New York Office, to communicate with you prior to June 28, and to be of any possible assistance to you in connection with your appearance.

I will look forward with great anticipation to your visit with us in Washington.

With assurances of my very best wishes and highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc - Mr. E. E. Conroy  
New York

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His Eminence  
Francis Cardinal Spellman  
452 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

Your Eminence:

I thought you might like to have copies  
of the enclosed photographs taken at the Graduation  
Exercises of the Thirty-second Session of the  
National Academy. It is a pleasure to make them  
available.

With best wishes and kind regards.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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TO:

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Mr. Edward Tamm	Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg	Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Glavin	Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Ladd	Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Nichols	Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Rosen	Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Tracy	Mr. Tracy.....
Mr. Harbo	Mr. Carson.....
Mr. Hendon	Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Jones	Mr. Gurnea.....
Mr. Nease	Mr. Harbo.....
Miss Gandy	Mr. Hendon.....
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Records Section	Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mrs. Skillman	

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Note and Return

Clyde Tolson

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. NICHOLS

DATE: July 2, 1946

**FROM :**

**SUBJECT: CARDINAL SPELLMAN**

## FINANCIALS

Cardinal Spellman, just before taking the plane for New York on Friday, asked me to express to the Director his deep appreciation for the kindnesses and attention given him during his visit and also to express his very real satisfaction and pleasure in appearing at the Graduation. Cardinal Spellman stated that he had been in considerable doubt as to whether he would "fit in" at the National Police Academy Graduation since he had never addressed a gathering of this particular nature previously, but said that he was extremely glad that he had the opportunity and that he was deeply impressed with the exercises and with the dignity with which they were carried through.

Cardinal Spellman also stated that during his conversation with the Director, Mr. Hoover had shown interest in the possibility of having Cardinal Spellman's recent article in the American Magazine picked up by Readers Digest, particularly for distribution in their Spanish language issues in South America. The Cardinal stated that he was very appreciative of Mr. Hoover's interest in this connection and felt that the project might be worth-while.

It was very obvious that the Cardinal's statements of pleasure in addressing the National Police Academy Graduation were sincere since his whole manner throughout the day on Friday exhibited pleasure and satisfaction in the proceedings.

I thought the above comments might be of interest to the Director and to you.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: July 1, 1946

FROM :

SUBJECT: CARDINAL SPELLMAN

Assistant SAC R. J. Lynch of the New York Office telephoned The New York Office has contacted Cardinal Spellman and he has advised that he will accept no compensation or reimbursement for expenses whatsoever in connection with his recent appearance at the graduating exercises of the FBI National Academy—*Not even transportation*

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
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Mr. Rosen  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Room 5744 - 6/25 1946

TO: ☒ Director  
☐ Mr. Edward Tamm  
☐ Mr. Clegg  
☐ Mr. Glavin  
☐ Mr. Ladd  
☐ Mr. Nichols  
☐ Mr. Rosen  
☐ Mr. Tracy  
☐ Mr. Harbo  
☐ Mr. Hendon  
☐ Mr. Jones  
☐ Mr. Nease  
☐ Miss Gandy  
☐ Personnel Files Section  
☐ Records Section  
☐ Mrs. Skillman

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 6/25/46

FROM : [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT:

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Miss Beahm	
Miss Gandy	

This morning [REDACTED] talked with Cardinal Spellman who intends to leave New York on the Pennsylvania Railroad at 6:30 P.M., Thursday, June 27th. He has Seat 22 in car 550 and will stop at the Mayflower Hotel. Mr. [REDACTED] has been furnished with this information and will meet the Cardinal and escort him to the Mayflower and then bring him to the exercises the next morning. Mr. [REDACTED] is also checking on a hotel reservation. b7c

Cardinal Spellman will speak from a manuscript which has not been completed but he will have a copy ready to give to Mr. [REDACTED] upon his arrival. Mr. [REDACTED] has been informed. b7c

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Mr. [REDACTED]

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CARDINAL'S RESIDENCE  
452 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK

July 19, 1946

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your kindness and  
thoughtfulness in sending me the photographs of  
the graduation exercises. I am pleased to have  
them as a memory of a most happy occasion.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Francis Cardinal Spellman*  
Archbishop of New York

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
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FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN*

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His Eminence  
Francis Cardinal Spellman  
452 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

Your Eminence:

It is a pleasure to enclose five copies of the August, 1946, issue of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin. You will note that this issue contains your photograph on page two and also a summary of your excellent address before the graduating class of the Thirty-Second Session of the FBI National Academy on June 28, 1946. Should you desire additional copies of this particular issue, by all means feel free to request them.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

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CARDINAL'S RESIDENCE  
452 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK 22

July 30, 1946

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I thank you very much for the five copies  
of the August 1946 issue of the FBI Law  
Enforcement Bulletin.

With very best wishes and kindest  
regards, I remain

Your sincere friend

*F. Cardinal Spellman*  
Archbishop of New York

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

Mr. Tolson	✓
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New York, N. Y.  
October 9, 1946

Mr. Hoover:

FRANCIS

I was a guest of Cardinal Spellman for luncheon at his residence today. There were six of us in the luncheon party, the other being [REDACTED]


During the course of this occasion, Cardinal Spellman spoke of you in terms of highest praise, and indicated that he feels great affection for you. The luncheon was a most enjoyable one. Upon its conclusion Cardinal Spellman presented me with a copy of his book, "Prayers and Poems", which he autographed to me, "With best wishes and with prayers, F. Cardinal Spellman". I think I should also mention that during the course of the meal Cardinal Spellman inquired about Mr. Conroy's health and requested his home address (which was given him) in order that he could address a note to him expressing his best wishes.

The Cardinal also gave me copies of the American Magazine for July, containing article by Cardinal Spellman entitled "Communism Is Un-American", and a copy of Good Housekeeping for September, containing an article by Cardinal Spellman entitled "Hunger--Terror of Peace".

55 OCT 21 1946



On the off chance that Cardinal Spellman might not yet have personally seen a copy of your recent San Francisco speech, I took a copy along with me. However, during the conversation he mentioned that he had read it, saying that you send him your speeches and he sends you his. He further stated that you had "gone to town" in this speech, and that he intends to "go to town" himself in future speeches.



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CARDINAL'S RESIDENCE  
452 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK 22

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓  
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Mr. Pennington ✓  
Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓  
Mr. Nease ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

October 4th, 1946

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you very much for your  
thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of your  
characteristically fine address before the annual  
Convention of the American Legion. I have read it  
with interest and shall keep it in my personal  
file for reference and quotation.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*F. Cardinal Spellman*  
Archbishop of New York

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

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EX-2

His Eminence  
Francis Cardinal Spellman  
452 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

Your Eminence:

I have received your letter dated  
October 4, 1946, and I want you to know  
that I appreciate your kind comments concern-  
ing my recent American Legion address.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

CC - New York

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. TAYLOR  
MR. LADD  
MR. NICHOLS

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FRANCIS

I am attaching hereto a clipping sent to me by a friend from an article by Cardinal Spellman in the November issue of Cosmopolitan Magazine. I did not see this article and would like to have it obtained. More particularly, I would like to have a review and analysis made of the opinion quoted by Cardinal Spellman rendered by Judge Kimbrough Stone of the United States Court of Appeals. It gives indication of being well worth while for our information and use.

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I am personally acquainted with Judge Stone and know the soundness of his views.

Very truly yours

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Miss Gandy

SENT FROM D. O.  
TIME 6:55 pm  
DATE 12/6  
BY [signature]

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Notation on article reads: Did you see this article in November Cosmopolitan by Cardinal Spellman with letter quoted below from Judge Stone? C.C.W. Envelope address is 715 South Normandie Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif. Suite 609.

*Did you see this article in November Cosmopolitan by Cardinal Spellman with letter quoted below from Judge Stone?*  
*Do We Want a Soviet Peace? (Continued from page 27)*

ides we "liberated" have merely been shackled to new masters, as crimes committed by the Nazis become the perfidious prototype of Soviet Peace.

The Peace that has come seems but a grim interlude of contradictions in the tragedy of war, when atomic power is measured by science not for the uses of peace but for protection against new wars, when martyrs are judged as traitors and dictatorships claim to be democracies. This is not a Peace that will heal the hearts of the living, make blessed the graves of the dead, and console nations for their sacrifices. It is but a decade of delusion and despair which recalls another era in the world's history when Genghis Khan poured his Mongol hordes out of Karakorum and spread them over the face of the earth, ruthlessly conquering country after country, adding whole empires to his orbit of power. And over the skulls of five million slain he, too, erected an empire which stretched from the Yellow Sea to the Black Sea and the Danube!

Against this invasion no country survived. In fierce, swift blows Poland, Rumania, Hungary and Bohemia were devastated as the Mongols swept over Europe to the borders of Austria and Saxony. Christian peoples were enslaved and slaughtered and centers of culture laid waste. Booty flooded the coffers of Genghis Khan. Refugees told of the senseless, savage fury of the soldiery as whole cities were put to the sword and blood and the staff of life were drained from the conquered nations. Skilled craftsmen captured on the field of battle were driven to serve Mongolian masters in the building of their tremendous empire.

Peace came then, too—a brutal peace based on the complete captivity of the vanquished. This peace of enslavement and death was known as the "Pax Tatarica." And today, seven centuries later, a mighty dread of the rebirth of "Pax Tatarica" assails me, a fear that through an identical insane, pagan pattern of despotism, destruction and death a "Pax Sovietica" is being imposed upon Europe, with the goal of the dictators: One World—Theirs!

Our ally in war has not remained our ally for peace and today Soviet Russia stands charged with the crime of being the saboteur of a just peace, her aim—world Communism. We Americans talk of these great and grave dangers menacing the world, while we neglect to guard our own nation against the threat. The terrible tragedy, that we may fail to remain fundamentally these United States. The wedge dividing us is American Communism, and Soviet Imperialism is its puppeteer. Either Americanism or Communism may predominate, but never can they become reconciled.

A man's defense of himself is said to be the fairest form of evidence, and proof of the Communist Party's disloyalty to America is in its own Declaration of Principles. Judge Kimbrough Stone of the United States Court of Appeals recently wrote to me:

Until a couple of years ago my conception of Communism was hazy. I knew that I didn't like it but I would have been hard put if someone had asked me to define it. In 1943 a sedition case involving the activities of a group of Communists came before the Court of Appeals. They had been sentenced and appealed. I wrote the opinion affirming the convictions. Necessarily I read and carefully studied the evidence which revealed

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.**

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December 6, 1946

**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON ✓  
MR. Tamm ✓  
MR. LADD ✓  
MR. NICHOLS ✓**

I am attaching hereto a clipping sent to me by a friend from an article by Cardinal Spellman in the November issue of *Cosmopolitan Magazine*. I did not see this article and would like to have it obtained. More particularly, I would like to have a review and analysis made of the opinion quoted by Cardinal Spellman rendered by Judge Kimbrough Stone of the United States Court of Appeals. It gives indication of being well worth while for our information and use.

I am personally acquainted with Judge Stone and know the soundness of his views.

Very truly yours

*J. E. H.*  
**John Edgar Hoover**  
Director

**Inclosure**

*sent Director  
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Against this invasion no country survived. In Serce, swift blows Poland, Rumania, Hungary and Bohemia were devastated as the Mongols swept over Europe to the borders of Austria and Saxony. Christian peoples were enslaved and slaughtered and centers of culture laid waste. Booty flooded the coffers of Genghis Khan. Refugees told of the senseless, savage fury of the soldiery as whole cities were put to the sword and blood and the stuff of life were drained from the conquered nations. Skilled craftsmen captured on the field of battle were driven to serve Mongolian masters in the building of their tremendous empire.

Peace came then, too—a brutal peace based on the complete captivity of the vanquished. This peace of enslavement and death was known as the "Yax Tatarica." And today, seven centuries later, a mighty dread of the rebirth of "Yax Tatarica" animates me, a fear that through an identical means, again patterns of despotism, destruction and death—a "Yax Sovietica"—is being imposed upon Europe, with the goal of the dictators, One World—Their!

Our ally in war has not remained our ally for peace and today Soviet Russia stands charged with the crime of being the saboteur of a just peace, her ally—world Communism. We Americans talk of these great and grave dangers menacing the world, while we neglect to guard our own nation against the threat, the terrible tragedy, that we may fall to remain fundamentally these United States. The wedge dividing us is American Communism, and Soviet Imperialism is its puppeteer! Either Americanism or Communism may predominate, but never can they become reconciled.

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January 9th, 1948

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Permit me to refer to your valued participation in the Family Theater Program of the Mutual Broadcasting Company and to say that I approve of every word of your address, that I thank you for making it and assure you of cooperation to the best of my ability in bringing your hopes to fruit.

With best wishes for the New Year and hoping you will lunch with us the next time that you are in New York, I am

Your sincere friend,

*F. Cardinal Spellman*  
Archbishop of New York

F. CARDINAL SPELLMAN

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

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January 14, 1948

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His Eminence  
Francis Cardinal Spellman  
Archbishop of New York  
452 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

Dear Cardinal Spellman:

I sincerely thank you for your note of January 9th and I am glad that you so heartily approve of the remarks which I made on the Family Theater Program on January 1st.

It was indeed most gracious of you to extend to me an invitation to lunch with you when I am next in New York and I certainly hope I may be able to avail myself of this opportunity.

With expressions of my very best regards and highest esteem, I am

Sincerely,

W. J. Edgar Hoover

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TIME 5:00 pm  
DATE 1-14-48  
BY [signature]

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December 10, 1948

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
U.S. Department of Justice Bldg.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I wrote to the President of the United States, suggesting the name of Francis Cardinal Spellman for him to appoint as his Secretary of State.

I hope you feel as I do about the appointment of the Cardinal, as Secretary of State and if you do, you will write the President and influence your friends to do the same.

I feel the time has come when we should have an American for Secretary of State, whose heart is in sympathy with all of us here in our country and with the people of the world. The only American who stands out for this most important appointment in my mind is the Cardinal.

I hope you become so interested, you will write the President and influence your friends to do the same.

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Your letter of December 10, 1948, has been received and I appreciate the thoughts prompting your sending me your views with reference to the matter you mentioned as well as the copy of your communication to President Harry S. Truman, dated November 19, 1948. Over the years, however, I have carefully refrained from expressing any opinion pertaining to matters of an executive or legislative nature unless requested to do so in connection with activities within the scope of this Bureau's jurisdiction. I am sure you will understand my position in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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*Handwritten signatures and initials:*  
J. Edgar Hoover  
[Other illegible signatures]

November 19, 1948

Hon. Harry S. Truman  
President of the United States  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

If the occasion should arise where you will have to appoint a new Secretary of State, I am offering the name of a gentleman whom I would like to have you consider for this most important appointment. The gentleman I suggest for this most important appointment is Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York. I know of no American who has greater love for his country or a greater love for the people of the world than the Cardinal. I feel sure he would accept if he felt it would be for the good of his beloved country and for the people of the world.

I know of no American who has traveled more in our country and outside of it, than the Cardinal. Also, I know of no American who is better acquainted in our country and throughout the world, than the Cardinal.

In fact, the Cardinal is the American who would command the respect and confidence of his fellow Americans and of the peoples of the world.

In my humble way Mr. President, I offer for your consideration the American who I feel is most qualified to be your Secretary of State during these trying times.

With the deepest respect to you and your office,  
Mr. President, I am;

Most Sincerely yours,



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Mr. Rosen  
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May 5, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

SAC Dalton of the Omaha Office telephonically communicated with me on the afternoon of May 4, 1949, and advised that he had received information that Cardinal Spellman would be in Omaha Friday night to participate in a dedication of certain new buildings in Boys Town. Dalton stated that he had been contacted concerning any protection which the FBI had arranged for Cardinal Spellman. Dalton stated that there appeared to be an understanding that we would be furnishing guards for the Cardinal.

I advised SAC Dalton that no such arrangement had been made and the Bureau could not assign Agents to such duty. I further told him that, of course, if the Cardinal requested assistance which we could render in the form of services, that there would be no objection to affording him such assistance; however, we would not assign any guards.

SAC Dalton stated that he was sure the Cardinal knew nothing about such arrangements and unless advised to the contrary, he would not consider furnishing any Special Agents for guard duty. I told him this was correct and no Special Agents should be assigned.

Respectfully,

*[Signature]*  
 W. E. Glavin

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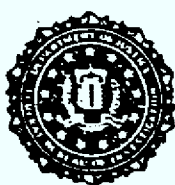
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*Francis Cardinal Spellman*



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New York 7, N. Y.

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Miss Gandy	_____

(4) September 26, 1952

PERSONAL

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I had the pleasure of meeting and visiting with Cardinal Francis Spellman this morning. During the course of the conversation, he expressed his admiration for the Bureau and asked that I convey to you his personal regards. He remarked that he has a very high regard for you.

Sincerely yours,

*L. V. Boardman*  
LELAND V. BOARDMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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His Eminence  
Francis Cardinal Spellman  
452 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

Your Eminence:

Mr. L. V. Boardman, Special Agent in Charge of our New York Office, has advised me of his recent visit with you and has conveyed to me your kind personal regards.

I want to take this means of thanking you for your thoughtfulness as well as for your continued encouragement and support of the work which the FBI is doing.

With expressions of my very best regards and highest esteem, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc - New York

ATTENTION SAC: Reurlet 9-26-52.

NOTE: Bufile 94-4-5826 reflects Cardinal Spellman has had very friendly relations with the Director and the Bureau. Address and salutation per mailing list.

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November 25, 1953

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His Eminence  
Francis Cardinal Spellman  
452 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

Your Eminence:

I am deeply grateful for your letter of November 20, 1953, and for your kind comments concerning my testimony on the Harry Lester White case. I felt it very important that the record be set straight on this matter, and I do hope that the general public will now have a better understanding of the jurisdictional limitations and responsibilities of the FBI.

It was most thoughtful of you to enclose a copy of the speech which you made in Brussels on October 23. You certainly did a magnificent job of presenting America to those who listened to it. I am sure they all now have a clearer understanding of why we are so proud of our country.

With expressions of my highest esteem,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: The enclosed speech by Cardinal Spellman explains our country to the listeners. It tells of America's faults and its good points, and it answers many criticisms which have been directed against the United States by Europeans. Address and salutation of Cardinal Spellman - Bureau mailing list.

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Mr. Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of the statement which you made before the Sub-Committee To Investigate The Administration Of The Internal Security Act And Other Internal Security Laws. I had already read your statement in the newspapers but am pleased to have this copy also because of the evidence of your thoughtfulness in sending it to me.

May I offer you my congratulations on the wonderful impression that you made and the excellent general reaction to your observations. May I also enclose a copy of a speech which I gave in Brussels on the subject, "America, Grateful Child of Mother Europe".

With kind personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*J. Cardinal Spellman*

Archbishop of New York

(Enclosure)

J. Cardinal Spellman

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J. Edgar Hoover

United States Department of Justice,

Federal Bureau of Investigation,

400 Washington 25, D.C.

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# Address of His Eminence at Belgian Conference

## Ravaged Countries Will Remember America as Land Whose Heart Is Easily Touched, Cardinal Asserts

*The following is the text of the address, "America, Grateful Child of Europe," delivered by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, at Les Grandes Conférences Catholiques in Brussels, Belgium, on Oct. 23:*

"Few words in any language have dearer or richer associations than the word, patria. Suggesting at once that eternal homeland in Heaven towards which all our activities here below should be directed. It calls to mind, at the same time, that earthly homeland from which each one of us springs—that place of origin we call our native land, whose culture and national character shape us and give us our distinctive cast as men.

"Here in Belgium there is no need for me to speak of the meaning of patria. You have shown how dear to you is your native soil and what enormous sacrifices you are prepared to make in its behalf. Small in size, yet great in spirit, you have proclaimed in a deathless way how holy a thing is the love of one's native land.

"Twice in a generation you have found the invader in your midst. Twice you have witnessed his ruthless destruction of your homes, your churches and your schools. Twice you have experienced the heartbreaking desolation, privation and pillage of war. But with all this you have known glory of a kind that few nations ever achieve. It has been your glory to have had a King Albert and a Cardinal Mercier to lead and to sustain you. It has been your glory to have survived as a people when, by human standards, you should have been completely crushed. That you did survive is due to no force of arms, no overpowering physical

constructive criticism. Indeed, it is one of the glories of free men that they can offer each other such criticism and still maintain their common ground, their common purpose. However, it seems, in these latter days, that certain critics in Europe have not honored the canons of constructive criticism in their judgments of America. They see us only in our worst light. Their purposes in criticizing seems designed to hurt, not to help. The litany of tired, faded charges against us is run through with little or no attempt made to understand our true nature as a people. Thus to such critics we are a grossly materialistic nation. We are vulgar, preoccupied with trivia, possessing neither culture or soul. We are the New Carthage, all wealth and no spirit. We have no God but money and we have no concern for anyone but ourselves. Such, then, is the picture painted of us by these critics and the conclusion they draw is that since there is little to choose between Russia and America, a plague is pronounced on both their houses.

"Is America then so scabrous? Has she so quickly forfeited her fair name? Are these critics right who speak thus of her, and do they speak for the world of men?

### His Own Experience

"I do not think so and I will tell you why. Within the last decade I have visited every part of the globe and have thrice circled the earth! I trudged with soldiers over the battlefields of Europe, Africa, the Middle East

have been by-passed; and by others they have been exploited. In neither case have their needs been cared for.

"By ministering to the unfortunate victims of man's inhumanity to man, America has fulfilled the vocation of mercy to which she has been called. To whom much is given much is expected in return. From her rich bounty, America has given unstintingly and for this she expects no praise but she does hope she will be spared the carping criticism that she is all wealth and no spirit. America seeks not to buy the friendship of any other nation. She knows there is no price for true friendship. If her present role in world history is proof of materialism and lack of spiritual insight then America's patronizing critics have much to learn from her!

### The Real America

"It is so easy to see only the less desirable aspects of American life precisely because they are so apparent to the eye—the frantic pace of our daily existence, the blatant and often objectionable character of some of our advertising techniques, the cultural poverty and the pervasive quality of many American films and popular magazines. But there is much more to America than meets the eye at first glance. There is the great mass of American men and women who share Europe's distaste for what is banal and vulgar. They, like you, have their ideals and they can be moved to noble actions in terms of them. There is a deep religious strain in America which embodies these ideals and keeps them fresh.

"We have, like every country in Europe, gone after false gods, but we have not set them up in the place of the One True God. At the present time America is experiencing a deep spiritual renewal. Evidences of this are on every hand—in the thousands of young men and women who have turned from the lure of lucrative positions to seek in contemplative

pational opportunities once closed to him, are now available and he has been quick to take advantage of them, and I believe that the American Negro has achieved the swiftest cultural rise of any race in history.

### Criticism of America

"The status of the Negro in American life has occasioned much interest and critical discussion in Europe and I am proud to report on the progress that has been made in solving this important problem. Another matter which has subjected America to widespread criticism in Europe, has been its Congressional inquiries into the infiltration of Government by Communists.

Judging from the hysterical tone of the criticism, one would imagine that it is no longer possible in America to keep one's good name. Nothing could be further from the truth. We are still a free people who cherish freedom. No American uncontaminated by communism has lost his good name because of Congressional hearings on un-American activities.

"However, there are many individuals who have seriously compromised themselves by a flat refusal to state whether they are now or have been Communists. It is impossible for me to understand why any American should refuse to declare himself free of Communist affiliation, unless he has something to hide. In that event he deserves to be held in suspicion because he constitutes a threat to our country's freedom which has been won at too great a cost to be lightly lost. There is no reason to doubt the aims of the Communists. The history of Communist treachery all over the world is tragic and the subjugation by them of one country after another makes grim reading.

"Our American Government would be utterly naive if it did not take all the necessary steps to preserve its own existence. It has the right to know the kind of men it employs. It has a right to expect that its citizens will not

secure convictions. Surely, it is one of the pathetic ironies of our time that the very people who have so summarily dismissed their own nationals with gun-fire and no trial at all, should have been so successful in launching a worldwide protest against American justice in the Rosenberg case. And yet what are the facts in this case? The Rosenbergs received every protection available under the American democratic processes of justice. They were found guilty of espionage and transmitting the secrets of the atomic bomb to the enemies of the United States by the unanimous vote of 12 jurors. The death sentence pronounced upon them by Federal Judge Irving R. Kaufman was appraised several times by the United States Court of Appeals and was upheld.

"The case came before the highest court in the United States seven times and each time the original verdict was sustained. Every legal technicality was explored to safeguard the rights of the Rosenbergs to a fair trial and finally executive clemency was promised if they would make a clean breast of their espionage activities. They refused and the sentence of death was invoked. If sentiment were to overrule the claims of justice in this case, then what should be said in behalf of all those American soldiers who went to their deaths on the slopes of Korea resisting an aggression which was emboldened by the possession of atomic secrets made available through the treachery of spies?

### Strange Silence on Beria

"And what shall be said of the strange silence which has greeted the news of Lavrenti Beria's imprisonment and purging? Where are the voices raised to secure justice for Beria? Who has made a sentimental plea in his behalf?

"Europe cannot expect that America will understand the loud outcry it made in the one instance and its complete silence in the other.

"Having said this—and I say it in no spirit of harshness but

deeply into the good soil of your native and beloved Belgium.

#### Tribute to the Belgians

"In speaking to you today I am fulfilling a life-long desire to pay public tribute to a gallant, God-fearing people. Belgium! I salute you! With your storied cities, your old and beautiful towns, your celebrated universities and your glorious culture, you are exemplar to many other lands. With your enduring witness to the things of the spirit, with your eloquent reminder that physical force is not the final factor in disposing of the affairs of men—you are a unique and inspiring symbol to the dispossessed of this world. Proud am I to salute this homeland and herland of so much that is dear to the heart of my own countrymen.

"What Belgium stands for accords with the deepest convictions I hold as an American—convictions best expressed in the language of our common faith in God. We are free men and our freedom is from the Almighty. That is the basis of our faith; that is our ultimate strength—a strength and a faith that bind your native land and mind in enduring bonds of friendship sealed and sanctified in the shedding of the blood of our honored, heroic dead. Long may our common friendship bring its blessings to our world!

"In Europe, particularly may these blessings help to compensate for much of the bitterness, suspicion and distrust of America which, I am told, has been endured in the post-war years. It is understandable that such suspicion and distrust should emanate from Communist sources if Americans find it difficult to understand why there should be so deep a distrust of them on the part of so many non-Communist spokesmen and writers in Western Europe.

#### Unity of the West

"The unity of the West is not so sturdy or so unshaken that it can stand the strain of quarrelling or name-calling within its own ranks. In every free society ample allowance should be made for

welcomes which the Belgian people gave to us.

"I recall the weary faces of soldiers the cumulative effect of war upon civilian populations, the pain and privation it brings to humanity—all this I am familiar with because I have seen it with my own eyes. I have seen, too, the desperate needs created by war—the need for food, for clothing and for medical supplies. The response made by America to these worldwide needs, through its governmental and private agencies, has elicited widespread gratitude. I have seen this registered on the faces of hundreds of thousands. You cannot mistake the expression of gratitude in the sorrowful eyes and worn, pallid face of the sick, homeless and hungry. Gratitude speaks its own language and I feel sure that the people of ravaged countries will always have cause to remember with thanksgiving what America did for them in their hour of need. They will remember America as something more than a self-centered, materialistic power. They will remember her as a land whose heart is easily touched and whose kindness to the needy is unbounded.

#### Vocation of America

"That America responded as she did is not due to any desire on her part to satisfy imperialistic ambitions, nor is it inspired by a homely desire to export what is called 'The American Way of Life.' America's generosity, her desire to share her substance with those less fortunate springs from a deep evangelical motive. We are not the spiritless people we are made out to be. Religion for us is something more than the observance of outward forms. We have a deep understanding of the quality of mercy as defined by Christ—we understand that our neighbor is any man who stands in need—we understand that the road from Jerusalem to Jericho is a long, long road—one which runs through every part of the world today. By the side of that road millions lie wounded, stripped and robbed of their earthly possessions. By some they

terrest which has been manifested in mysticism all through postwar America—in the extraordinary sacrifices being made by millions of American fathers and mothers for the erection and maintenance of parochial and private schools wherein knowledge of God can be integrated with secular knowledge so that religion will be a formative and decisive force in the lives of their children—in the phenomenal response American readers have made in the past decade to the publication of books of a religious and spiritual nature. These are palpable evidences that there is a deep hunger for God in contemporary American life.

#### America's Faults

"This is the real America I would have you know—the America which is deeply aware that 'unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it.' It is this America, rather than that of our over-advertised skyscrapers, paved roads and modern plumbing which I would recommend to the study of European observers. In doing so, I am conscious that we are far from a perfect nation. We have our faults. What nation does not? Ours are the faults of youth—we are impetuous—we are quick to speak, and slow to reflect—we are inclined to think that all our problems can be solved once and for all by one panacea or another.

"There are other faults, to be sure, but I think that it is worth observing here that Americans have a conscience about their faults and the most searching criticisms of ourselves have come from Americans themselves. As a case in point, most Americans will agree that the greatest single failure of American democracy has been its failure with regard to the Negro. It does not make inspiring reading to see how many obstacles were placed in his way to secure legal freedom and equality. And yet once the conscience of America was fully aroused on this matter by the enlightened self-criticism of its religious, educational and political leaders, the Negro in America made rapid progress. Educational and econ-

omy spawns, we have seen how he hides his time, using all the words and forms of free men only to mask his evil intent until such occasion is given him for betrayal. We do not intend in America to give him that occasion if we can prevent it.

"Congressional inquiries into Communist activities in the United States are not the result of any mad legislative whim. There are strong reasons for these inquiries and we thank God that they have begun while there is still time to do something about it. In too many instances the awareness of Communist intrigue has come when it is too late. The anguished cries and protests against 'McCarthyism' are not going to dissuade Americans from their desire to see Communists exposed and removed from positions where they can carry out their nefarious plans. If American prestige is going to suffer in Europe because of this understandable desire we have to keep our free society immune from Communist subversion, then it seems more a reflection upon European standards of honor and patriotism rather than on ours. Particularly ironic to Americans are published reports that Yugoslavia is greatly excited over 'McCarthyism' in the United States. This from a country which holds its Cardinal-Primate incommunicado, from a country which has subjected its Bishops and priests to beatings and widespread terrorism, from a country which has bullied and threatened continually those who would not share its totalitarian concepts! This from a country of tyrants and slaves! This from a country whose dictator today threatens the peace of the world!

#### The Rosenberg Case

"Another matter which has subjected America to widespread criticism in Europe has been its handling of the Rosenberg case. In this instance no apology, no word of extenuation is necessary.

"Americans believe in a government by law. Their courts are open to all, even to the traitor. Resort is not made to rigged trials, to enforced torture, mental and physical, in an effort to

From the rock which is Europe America has been hewn and we cannot ever forget it. Be sure that we recognize the heritage that has been bestowed on us by the countries of Europe. We are not so preoccupied with our present problems that we can ever forget the elements which have gone into our rise to greatness. This month of October is for all Americans a time of retrospect.

"During this month we are inspired to look backwards to that mid-October day in 1492 when an intrepid Italian sailor, under the flag and patronage of Spain came at last to a landfall at San Salvador after a long and perilous westward voyage. With that landfall a new world swam into the ken of Western men. America had been discovered! From that time on, Europe would be strangely stirred by the prospects of this new land and for the next three centuries, Spain, Portugal, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Ireland, England, Poland, Italy, the Scandinavian, the Baltic and the Slavic countries would send colonists out to push back its frontiers and to establish European civilization in a new setting.

#### Belgians Among Pioneers

"The men, women and children of Europe would leave home and hearth to brave unknown prospects across the Atlantic and among these pioneers and pilgrims were the men of Belgium. And what noble men they were! They came out of a tradition which, for centuries, had inspired them to go to the ends of the earth as missionaries. Long before the unforgettable Father Damien electrified the world with his heroic labors among the lepers of Molokai, Belgian priests and brothers had left their indelible mark on the mission fields.

"On the North American continent, a century before the Pilgrims set foot on New England soil, one of your most inspiring missionary sons, Peter de Ghent, began his labors for Christ among the Indians in Mexico. It is difficult to speak without emotion concerning this humble lay brother



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who seemed to sum up in his person all of the missionary glory of Belgium. His flaming charity and indomitable energy have elicited the admiration of even the most grudging historians. He was responsible for the baptism of many thousands of Indians. He built and maintained an educational establishment which included a school of primary education, a college of higher learning, a home for religious training, a trade school and an academy of fine arts. He established a hospital which cared regularly for more than three hundred Indians. He compiled a grammar—the first of its kind—in the Aztec language and composed a book in that tongue explaining the Christian religion to the native Indians. Small wonder that Belgium should have so glowing a missionary tradition when it could produce men of the character of Peter de Ghent.

"Small wonder, too, that America today should have cause to be grateful for what that tradition has meant to her in her religious and educational growth. When the first ship sailed out of England in 1633 to establish a colony in Maryland, two priests who had been trained in Belgium

were aboard. One of those priests, Father White, offered up the first Mass ever to be celebrated in Maryland. The little oblong Indian cabin which Father White had transformed into a chapel thus became the cradle of Catholicism in the United States. So in a very intimate way, Belgium is identified with the beginnings of the Catholic Church in my native land. Today as a representative of that Church which has grown so gloriously and so providentially I am happy to record this fact.

"There are other Belgian ties with my native land to which I would like briefly to allude. The first Bishop in the American colonies, John Carroll, was ordained to the priesthood in Liege and he taught briefly at Bruges. His successor, the present Archbishop of Baltimore, Archbishop Keough, also is indebted to Belgium for his theological training. And the world renowned Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, Apostle of the Missions, is an honored graduate of Louvain University.

"Belgium can look with pride on her part in the beginning of our Hierarchy—in the beginning of the first contemplative order in our country—in the foundation of the oldest Catholic institution of learning in the United

States, Georgetown University—in the establishment of the first teaching order of Sisters in the original thirteen colonies.

### Missionary Honor Roll

"What an honor roll of names can be called of Belgian-born and Belgian-trained missionaries in America: The martyrs, Father Belgian-trained missionaries in saintly Father Charles Nerinckx, the whole host of Jesuits, Dominicans, Lazarists, Poor Clares and Sisters of Loretto who went all through the great heartland of our Middle West establishing churches and schools; and finally that extraordinary 'Apostle of the Rocky Mountains,' Father Pierre-Jean De Smet. We hold all their names in grateful remembrance.

"Five centuries is little enough time by European reckoning—but what crowded and eventful centuries they have been for us. From a nation of primeval forests and vast prairies, we have come, through Europe's help and inspiration, to our present position of world greatness. The sturdy sons and daughters so generously provided to us have graced every part of America with their achievements. Some measure of the gratitude we feel for this may be obtained from the fact that over a thousand American cities and towns bear the names of their parent cities in Europe. There are, for instance, an Antwerp, a Brussels and a Ghent in America, none of them approaching in size, achievement or renown their

Belgian namesakes, but each in its way an affectionate reminder that in the New World, the Old World lives on in name and inspiration.

### Belgium and America

"Therefore do I this day humbly and sincerely make my plea to you, heroic citizens of Belgium, ever to strive to be an example of true friendship toward America, friendship based on facts of history and the strong tides of divine providence, which, in the last three centuries, carried so many of the sons and daughters of your own and your sister nations of Europe to people the hospitable shore of America. You fed the hungry lips of a youthful nation, buoyed her with strength by substantial contributions in every sphere of life.

"Then because of the inevitable economic, cultural, civic and political strains to which your own country and its neighbors have been subjected, strains that left Belgium crushed but still unconquered by reason of her indomitable spirit and her deep heritage of faith, there sprung up in the European family of nations, a resentment of the apparent and relative prosperity of the United States.

"But, it is my heart's firm belief, as I feel it too must be yours, that the ideal attitude for the present day sons of Belgium and her sister-countries should be one not of resentment of a new

world's seeming prosperity but rather one of justifiable pride, gratification and affection. For, America, the daughter of Europe, is a grateful child who aids her mother in her hour of need, not in a spirit of arrogance, but with a profound satisfaction that America is able to repay, in some small measure, her tremendous debt.

"From out my beloved homeland in the New World, our voices cry out:

"Thou noble, valiant land swept by the Northern Seas  
Behold today from half across the world  
Thy children's children come in love to thee,  
What thou gave them these never shall forget,  
What they give thee is payment of a debt  
With interest compounded of dearest love.  
Let not this payment which is made with joy  
Instill in you, the mother, aught but fulsome pride.  
In these fair gifts thy sons and daughters bring  
Find thou the pledge and proof of gratitude,  
Nor let a lurking pride blind thee to this—  
The glory of a nation is her sons  
And sons reveal their character all days  
By nurturing their mother in her need."

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I had the opportunity today to meet His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman at his residence. During conversation with him he mentioned his high regard for you and said that he was particularly impressed with your last two speeches, one of which was at Notre Dame, which I believe was delivered by SAC Harvey Foster of Boston.

In discussing Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston, Cardinal Spellman said that his recent operation involved a malignancy with an unknown prognosis at the present time. When I left Boston recently I made it my business to see Archbishop Cushing to say goodbye and at that time it was obvious that he was quite a sick man. The rumor around Boston had it that his operation involved cancer, but I did not receive official word of this until I spoke to Cardinal Spellman today. He may, of course, recover from this serious operation, as some do, but his future according to Cardinal Spellman is a question mark.

As your representative in New York, I was received most graciously by Cardinal Spellman. He struck me as being a very big man who daily makes it a point to be humble by holding the coat of his visitors regardless of station. I was greatly impressed by his friendliness to the Bureau and believe he is a real friend of yours.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have read your address on the occasion of your reception of the Cardinal Gibbons Award and as usual I was impressed by it and agree wholeheartedly with everything that you said.

I am sending you a copy of an address that I gave recently in Iowa which you may have time to read.

With kind regards and hoping that our paths will cross soon again, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*A Cardinal Spellman*  
Archbishop of New York

(Enclosure)

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
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ADDRESS OF HIS EMINENCE, FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN, AT  
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AMERICA AWAKE!

In the days when our nation was in its infancy, one Joshua Humphreys designed and our forefathers built a warship, The Constitution. She was not the product of one state but of several states of the new-born republic. Men of many races and creeds furled her sails and manned her guns. Into her keel went the white-oak of New Jersey; live-oak of the South gave her ironsides; and the pines of Maine and Virginia, her gallant sky-searching masts. She was the product and pride of all the colonies and she carried the hope and the honor of a young nation to protect her independence around the world. Twice re-built but still the same Old Constitution she rides at anchor today in Boston Harbor, a reality that is a symbol, a symbol that is a reality. When her venerable timbers yielded to the deterioration of time, wind and wave, we, a grateful nation, inspired by a famous New England poet, replaced them with new beams, yards and masts. We did not destroy, we renewed and restored her.

Fellow-Americans, we have lived, grown and prospered as a group and as individuals under the Constitution of the United States. Our glorious flag is a flag of a country worth living in,

worth fighting for - a flag still symbolic of liberty cherished, bought and paid for by the blood of our sons and brothers, our fathers and grandfathers, a flag symbolic of America's spirit.

What, my dear friends, is the spirit of a nation? Whence is it born? Is it from out fertile fields and broad plains, from mighty sweeping rivers and snow-bosomed mountains, from pulsating, populous cities and quiet towns and countrysides that the soul of a nation is brought forth? No, the spirit of a nation is far more than her material resources or agricultural and industrial endowments, wonderful and bountiful blessings though they be. The spirit of a nation is something immaterial yet real, seemingly intangible yet something we witness many times each day, something too deep for utterance yet hailing us from every housetop, present in the grasp of the hand of a friend, shining upon us from our mother's eyes, speaking to us from every rose bush and lilac bank, preached to us by the honest faces and virtues of our neighbors, and revealed to us in every gallant gesture, action and sacrifice of our noble dead.

The spirit that is America is the will of her people to endure as a powerful yet peace-loving independent nation and to protect and assist in every way possible the oppressed of all lands, to defend the trampled rights of the weak, to champion the cause of democracy in the face of despotic might. The spirit that is America is the intelligence of Americans that enables them clearly and calmly to envision God among the myriad mirages of modern rationalistic philosophies. The spirit that is America is the heart

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of Americans, united by the common bond of loyalty, loving our fellowmen of all races, all nations, all peoples and creeds because all are children of one God.

Yet there are many among us, who, though they enjoy the rights and privileges of the democratic government of our great free and bountiful nation, are, through idolence or carelessness or cowardice, unequal to <sup>meet</sup> the challenges and <sup>make the</sup> sacrifices necessary for preserving it. And now the time is come - God grant it be not too late - for America to ~~awaken~~ <sup>awaken</sup> to the fact that if we are much longer deluded by the artifices used to deprive us of our freedoms, or, if again and again we can be induced to put our liberties in the hands of <sup>anti-anti-Communists</sup> ~~anti-anti-Communists~~ entrusting them with positions and powers which enable them to attack our free government and institutions, then will we become unfit and unworthy of our God-given liberties, and though we possess that precious heritage now, we are unlikely much longer to keep it!

For ten long and listless years we have deceived ourselves that we have been at peace, while in truth we knew there was no peace and naught for which we fought had come to fruit. And too we knew that nations were girding themselves for another war - <sup>And yet</sup> a war for America's annihilation. ~~Yet here~~ we waited and wavered in apathy and appeasement, pacified and hypnotized with speeches, promises and pledges. We have been lulled to sleep - and have slept until again the day has come when the whole world and every human in it faces the greatest orisis in the history of civilization;

the day when all God-loving, freedom-loving men must finally admit the fact that we have failed our country's youth who, so little time ago sacrificed their hopes and homes, their dreams and lives that we who followed after, might live in mutual love and liberty and peace.

Now with burdened, nigh-broken hearts once again we read of treasons and terrors of war - terrors that so little time ago drenched the earth red with blood of our children. ("PROBLEMS INTENSIFIED..."; "TERROISM SPREADS..."; "KREMLIN OFFERS OWN.....PLAN"; "U.S. PLANE DOWNED BY MIG FIGHTERS"; ) last Sunday's newspaper headlines read, ) while news items report "intensive propaganda"; "outbreaks that were launched in obviously premeditated manner"; "anti-religious fervor gripping European nations"; "aggressiveness spreading".

Once again the bellowing storm of war blows across seas and lands driven by winds of hate and lust, digging deep into human breasts, its madness seeping into human minds, its malice biting human hearts, its horrors poisoning human blood. In these bitter days while nations stand helpless to cope with infernal forces which they have unleashed upon one another - we who believe in God must in prayer re-dedicate ourselves to the sacred task of saving America from godless hordes of demons, maniacs of anarchy, whose plan it is to destroy America if they cannot enslave her!

Therefore do I entreat you, heed not those who would lower our country's flag and appease our nation's enemies. Be not deceived by the empty promises of the architects of a socialistic

state who would scuttle our free and wondrous American way of life, scorning the belief that all peoples are equally loved by God, but instead would have our nation surrender to the Communist way patterned upon the theory that some men are born to be masters and other slaves.

Can this happen in America? Most of us are confident that it will not happen and that within the present civil and political framework of our Constitution we can live the democratic way of life and successfully govern and defend ourselves, that true and loyal Americans want but one leader, the American people, and that they recognize but one master, Almighty God! The whole wide world is our audience awaiting our answer, a world consisting of our enemies, our friends and ourselves. To all we must give evidence that America is awake and aware not only to her greatness and security, but awake also to the plots of her enemies whose avowed goal and tireless efforts and energies are constantly concentrated upon the subjugation of America, the conversion of Americanism to Communism; ~~the substitution of dictatorship for democracy.~~

Unfortunately too many Americans are unaware of the import of one simple and fundamental fact - that the root difference between democracy and dictatorship is that in a true democracy the state is the servant of the citizen and invites his cooperation as his free will contribution, while dictatorship exacts service as a master from a slave. Too many Americans are unaware of another simple and fundamental fact that prosperity in a democracy is the result of team-work - team-work that invites voluntary subordination of the

interests of the individual in the interest of the entire group, and team-work that means giving in order to gain ~~not~~ to expect to gain without giving.

For America's prosperity and happiness, her freedoms and peace can be maintained only through the unity of her citizenry - every living man, woman and child! Citizens by birth or choice of a common country, we have in war and in peace <sup>bound ourselves</sup> fought together in common causes against common dangers, shared common sorrows and sufferings, triumphed in common successes, and the independence and liberty which we now possess are the works of combined councils and united efforts, resulting in benefits to all Americans! I am confident that the flames of freedom inspired by God and enkindled on the fourth of July 1776 are still far too brilliant to be extinguished by atheistic and violent despotism. But if our freedoms are to continue to endure, we must become alerted to ~~America's~~ <sup>the</sup> dangers <sup>which threaten us,</sup> else who shall say that we will not become like other countries, economically and politically plundered, a beggared land of slaves -- another victim of godless tyranny, resulting in the betrayal and ruin of the glorious government dreamed, built and bled for by God-serving, freedom-loving young men throughout the years of America's life. Then would we know and deserve defeat and the scorn of the world; then would we be guilty of joining America to the long queue of mourners at the grave of humanity's hope!

A century ago <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ wise patriot Daniel Webster said what is still true today, when he warned Americans: "The last hopes of mankind rest with us and if it should be proclaimed that



of a government of and by and for free men, then  
 our example had become an argument against the experiment, <sup>the knell</sup>  
 of popular liberty would be sounded throughout the earth."

Dear friends, I would not have you think I am a pessimist. But, when graciously you invited me to express my views before you this day, I believe you expected, as you have a right to expect and receive, the facts and the truth as I understand them as a devoted American and as a dedicated minister of God, for nearly forty years! I love and believe in America and in her high destiny to stand before the people of the earth as a shining example of devotion to the <sup>ideals</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>have</sup> ~~made~~ us a great nation. For this America you and I and millions of other men and women stand ready to die to save our country from dishonor, disaster and defeat. Hundreds of thousands of our precious young have already sealed their love of this America with the sacrifice of their lives! We, the living, must not betray our sons, who lie coffinless beneath the seas, or sacked in graves in the soil of alien lands! The bones of thousands of our boys are still being bleached by the tropical sun of jungles, in cane fields, or upon the slopes of many mountains along the roads of their march of death. From out a million homes they went to meet the challenge of brute force and keep America safe for us, their loved ones, and <sup>their fathers and</sup> ~~their~~ sons. And every boy who, in the flaming youth of freedom, rode the crest of death on the sea, in the sky or on the earth was inspired unto heroic giving of himself to protect America - his home!

From the lovely, lonely islands of the Pacific,  
 from Guadalcanal and Iwo Jima, from the Philippines and Australia,

from the poppy fields of Flanders and the hedge-rows of Normandy, from Africa's burning deserts and Italy's beachheads and mountains, from the green banks of the Potomac and the deep burial grounds of the sea, your dear ones and mine - Americans all - stand prayerfully beside us beseeching us neither to appease nor be lulled to sleep by the deceitful plans and promises of the enemies of our freedoms which they so bravely died to save!

Upon my memory are imprinted the words of another great American, Benjamin Franklin, warning words which also are as true today as when spoken two hundred years ago; words which might have come from the young, tender, now muted lips of our soldier-sons who sacrificed their safety for our liberty as they beseech us to be neither deluded nor appeased: "Those who would give up their essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety" said Benjamin Franklin "deserve neither liberty nor safety."

This famous statesman, whose greatest wealth was his ~~wis~~, wisdom, loyalty and faith, who gave to his nation and to the world some of its most treasured documents, also bequeathed to us a fiery, fervent proclamation of patriotism which declared his unchallengeable devotion to his country. Addressed to a warm friend of fourteen years, a friend who, on the eve of the American Revolution, became a member of a body of men which Benjamin Franklin considered an instrument of treason and hostility to his beloved country, he wrote:

"Dear Mr. S.....

"You are a Member of Parliament, and one of that Majority

which has doomed my Country to Destruction. You have begun to burn our Town and murder our People. Look upon your hands! They are stained with the Blood of your Relations! You and I were long Friends; you are now my Enemy, and I am

Yours,

B. Franklin"

To Benjamin Franklin was granted the gift of genius, and, as well, the gift of <sup>speech</sup> ~~eloquence~~ with which he enriched his nation and the world. 'Tis true that to every man is not given the art to avow his convictions in such masterly fashion as it was given to this man of letters and science; but to each is given the gift of grace by which, in his own way, he may apply his faith in God and loyalty to his country. Patriot, statesman, scientist, he knew that crimes committed brand with infamy, not alone the criminals, but also those who stand idly by, for he who complacently permits shameful cruelties or traitorous acts shares the guilt of him who practices them. And, I repeat, there are today many in America who are guilty of apathetically condoning the actions of faithless, traitorous men who seek out, sway and mislead those who, in ignorance or weakness, yield to their sinister schemings and betray their God, their country and their fellowman. Yet the very history of our United States is the story of our ceaseless struggles to keep alive our precious faith in God and country and to defend this faith from enemies who would corrupt and destroy it.

I myself saw the costly writing of this history during a quarter of a million miles of war-years' travel over the

land, on the sea and in the skies, living, talking and praying with thousands of our men of the armed forces. And when our soldiers talked to me of home, mother, family and America, their hopes, plans and promises were not mere mouthings but the sincere, solemn pledges of men determined to keep <sup>unspoiled</sup> ~~unspoiled~~ their country and their faith! In every corner of the fighting world boys gave me letters to take home. One I remember well even to this day, for, as the boy read it to me I felt it should be addressed, not to his mother alone, but to every American, worthy in its simplicity, forthrightness and wisdom to take its place beside Benjamin Franklin's own lyrics of literature: I quote it now:

"Today we are faced with the greatest organized challenge to civilization that the world has ever known, and I count myself honored to have the right and the opportunity to fight against it. There will be much work, too, for you, for the homefront must stand forever united after the war is won, or the tyranny of totalitarianism will rend apart the world we fought and died to save."

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This warning to us was his last testament! Millions of our boys, like him, fulfilled their pledge and kept their faith. They have the right to know that they have not spilled their common blood in vain, and, so long as our hearts beat and breath lingers within our bodies, it is our duty and privilege to pray and work to protect America against another "greatest organized challenge to civilization." And I profess that any and every man who denies America his undivided allegiance is enemy of this beloved land, and like Benjamin Franklin, I add - an enemy of mine.

Flying the face of the torn and tortured earth  
 I learned the sights and sounds and silences of science-made war.  
 And I know that the sights and silences of war beat even louder  
 than its sounds: yawning, open graves; sobbing shadows of men who  
 stare and pass on; human torsoes carried in wicker baskets; women's  
 eyes quick with borrowed motherhood; children wan and gaunt, craving  
 bread. Widowed cities weep solitary and unsolaced, their temples  
 shorn of cross and spires; homes looted and gutted; forests of jagged  
 walls; rusty plows tilted atop rocks, spectres in the moonlight;  
 rivers shuddering by, bare of boats. Hungry birds fly over decaying  
 hulks sprawled in the mud in stagnant fields. And gloomiest of all  
 war-sights is man himself groping in the night-fog of despair,  
 chilling fears gripping his heart, withering doubts shrivelling his  
 mind - man broken and crushed by the juggernaut of Communism!

Will we who had all these sad and gruesome warnings  
 still refuse to awaken and hearken to God's voice and build ourselves  
 spiritually and materially strong? For myself I will not shirk my  
 bounden duty, nor shall I shield myself except with the shield  
 of the cross which I wear upon my breast; and if it come that I, like  
 Cardinal Mindszenty and hosts of other dauntless priests and nuns  
 and people be crucified for fearlessly practising my faith, then with  
 God's grace I am ready - for naught but death can silence me. A  
 priest of God, I am bound by my sacred calling to warn men in hours  
 of danger, to rouse them from slothful sleep. Therefore do I pray  
 you, before it is too late, Americans Awake!

Awake, and realize that to no other peoples is it  
n to know, as Americans are privileged to know, the true rich  
ing of that God-inspired word - Thanksgiving. And as America's  
of Thanksgiving approaches I long to pour into the hearts and  
nes of every American, a sense of great gratitude to God. I pray  
at each of my fellow-Americans realize that no man of any other  
and is so rich as the poorest of us; none greater than the least  
f us. For within the protective mantle of this mighty nation, though  
a man may be circumstance be stripped of wealth, land, home or fame,  
nothing and no one can strip from him that right in which are rooted  
all the God-given rights of man - the right proudly to say, "I am an  
American".

But if we allow Communists, Communist sympathizers,  
appeasers or apathetic Americans to divide our beloved land, the  
fault will be ours, a fault not alone of the statesmen entrusted with  
the richest heritage of any people in the world - but the fault of  
every American, farmer, baker and banker, teacher and preacher,  
business man and laboring man - the fault of every American who fails  
to follow the profession of his faith in love of God, devotion to his  
country and charity to his neighbor. For we have no right to expect  
to keep our freedoms, if we ourselves do not faithfully and thank-  
fully protect the soil and soul of America from those who have  
abandoned God, and for God's Commandments have substituted their own  
code of inhumanity, greed and violence.

I beg you, fellow Americans, take heed of the few



but grievous warning words uttered last week by General Rene Cogny, Commander of the French ground forces in Indo China, who, when placing wreathes upon the monuments of the French and Vietnamese war-dead in Hanoi, sadly whispered: "So much blood, so much money and all for nothing!"

Dear friends, lest these fatal, final words become legend of our own heroic war-dead, I beseech you, Awake! Strong, united, honorable, honest and wise, generous and self-sacrificing America, beloved and blessed America, I pray you, Awake!

G.I.R.-8

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His Eminence <sup>(6)</sup>  
Francis Cardinal Spellman  
452 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

Your Eminence:

I have received your most kind note of November 22, 1954, with which you so thoughtfully enclosed a copy of your address before the Sixty-eighth Annual Convention of the Iowa Bankers Association.

It was with great interest that I read your address, and I heartily agree that our citizens must not be apathetic to the menace of Communism and other totalitarian forms of government.

Your generous comments concerning the talk I gave upon receiving the Cardinal Gibbons Award are deeply appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Archbishop Spellman's address entitled "America Awake!" concerns the spirit of America and the necessity to rededicate ourselves to saving America from the godless hordes of totalitarian forms of government. He aphorns the policy of appeasement and warns citizens not to be apathetic to the menace of Communism.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 12/20/54

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: Cardinal FRANCIS J. SPELLMAN - SAC CONTACT  
ATTENTION TRAINING AND INSPECTION DIVISION

T-200.2

Date

1-14-55

Approved by [Signature] as SAC Contact

I. DESCRIPTION OF CONTACT

His Eminence, Cardinal, Priest, is Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of New York, with offices at 460 Madison Avenue, New York City. The Diocese of New York is one of the largest Catholic Diocese in the United States. His Eminence is one of the most important Catholic Church dignitaries in this country. He is widely travelled and has written several books and pamphlets on spiritual matters.

II. SERVICES THIS CONTACT CAN PROVIDE

This contact can be of assistance in furnishing information relative to bogus priests and persons claiming official relations with the Catholic Church. He also can be of assistance in furnishing information concerning prominent Catholic priests and laymen.

III. PAST RELATIONS WITH FIELD OFFICE

His Eminence addressed NA graduation on May 31, 1946. He has also on several occasions made available information in connection with research matters.

IV. THUMBNAIL SKETCH OF KNOWN HISTORY

Cardinal FRANCIS J. SPELLMAN was born May 4, 1889, Whitman, Massachusetts. He received an A.B. Degree from Fordham University in 1911, an S.T.D. from Catholic University in Rome in 1916, and has also been the recipient of many other honorary degrees. He was ordained a priest in Rome on May 14, 1916, consecrated bishop September 8, 1932, elevated to an archbishop in 1939 and became a Cardinal in 1946. He presently resides and has his offices at Saint Patrick's Cathedral Rectory, 460 Madison Avenue, telephone numbers PLaza 3-2261 and PLaza 9-1400.

V. DEROGATORY INFORMATION

RECORDED

There is no information in the indices of the New York Office identifiable with this contact.

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VI. RECOMMENDATION OF SAC

It is recommended that Cardinal FRANCIS J. SPELLMAN be considered an SAC contact in the future.

BJH

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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, N. Y.  
December 28, 1954

**PERSONAL AND  
CONFIDENTIAL**

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Sizoo	
Mr. Winterrowd	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

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

*Cardinal Francis Spellman*

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In response to a request from [REDACTED] the writer today addressed [REDACTED] a communication received by [REDACTED] from His Eminence Cardinal Spellman. The Cardinal's communication enclosed an anonymous card, a copy of which is being submitted herewith and which purports to give information to the Cardinal that early in 1955 a book is to be published at Gerard, Kansas, vilifying the Cardinal as well as the Church generally. The Cardinal requested [REDACTED] to discuss the matter with the writer.

[REDACTED] requested the Bureau's help, if it could possibly be given, to determine (1) whether in fact such a book is contemplated; (2) the name of the author; and (3) whatever information the Bureau can provide to the Cardinal's office regarding the author of the book, the thought in mind being that upon publication of this book, should the author have a Communist background or an unsavory background, this information could be placed by the Chancery Office in circles where it will do the most good in explaining the author's motives in writing such a book. [REDACTED] was assured that this matter would be brought to your attention and that the writer would be in touch with him at a subsequent date with regard to his request.

Very truly yours,

JAMES J. KELLY  
SAC

Enclosure

cc-SAC, Kansas City,  
with Enclosure (PAC)

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COPY

They say forewarned is forearmed so here is the  
forewarning. A book is in the works, a vicious book to come  
out early in 1955 in Gerard, Kansas. Saw some of the chapters  
last Sunday night here in the club. There is a lot of vile  
"inside stuff" supposed to be supplied by priests and others  
about [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There is  
also a long chapter on "A Portrait of a Thief - A Study in  
Piety", [REDACTED]

I am not a Catholic.

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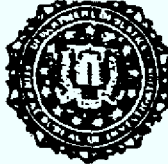
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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Kansas City, Missouri  
January 3, 1955

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Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Sizoo	
Mr. Winterrowd	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

*Cardinal Francis Spellman*

Reference is made to the letter from SAC James L. Kelly  
of New York to you, dated December 28, 1954, in which

has requested assistance of the Bureau with respect to anonymous  
information received by Cardinal Spellman that a book is to be  
published early in 1955 at Girard, Kansas, vilifying the Cardinal,  
as well as the Church generally.

Inasmuch as a copy of SAC Kelly's letter to you was  
forwarded to this office, I am setting forth data in the files  
of this office which may be of some assistance.

While the name of the publishing company at Girard,  
Kansas, was not identified in the above referred correspondence,  
it is to be noted that the publishing firm  
is located at Girard, Kansas.

Former SAC Dwight Brantley forwarded a letter to you,  
dated July 21, 1948, captioned

[REDACTED]

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Instructions of the Bureau will be awaited prior to the taking of any action and the above is set forth for information purposes.

Very truly yours,

*William G. Simon*  
WILLIAM G. SIMON  
SAC

WGS:B  
cc: (1) New York  
AMSD



United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Kansas City, Missouri  
January 4, 1955

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Mr. Pennington	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

*Cardinal Francis Spellman*

Re Mylet January 3, 1955, concerning [REDACTED]

A discreet check of the United States District  
Court records at Topeka, Kansas, reflects that [REDACTED]

Very truly yours

*William G. Simon*  
WILLIAM G. SIMON  
SAC

*See [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]  
1/15/55  
cc - [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
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cc - SAC, New York  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

**TO**

**MT**

**DATE:** *January 5,*  
*1955*

**FROM**

SUBJECT: ALLEGED PLANS TO VILIFY  
HIS EMINENCE FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN  
(94-4-5826)

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mahr \_\_\_\_\_  
Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

**SYNOPSIS:**

SAC Kelly of New York on 12-28-54 discussed with [redacted] an anonymous communication to Cardinal Spellman alleging that a book would be published in 1955 in Girard, Kansas, vilifying the Cardinal. Bureau help was requested to determine: (1) whether such book contemplated; (2) author; (3) any information Bureau can provide to the Cardinal's office regarding author. ~~The~~ <sup>Bureau</sup> anonymous communication alleged that book would contain information of relationship between the Cardinal and [redacted] an ex-prostitute, as well as allegations of the Cardinal's having entertained the late [redacted] and his mistress. Review of Bufiles failed to reveal any information of plans to publish such book, nor did it shed light on allegations against Cardinal. A rumor of the 1940s to the effect that [redacted] had dealings with the Nazis in World War II was circulated; however, it was unfounded. Cordial correspondence between Director and [redacted] extended over many years. Cardinal Spellman appears to be a genuine friend of Bureau and Director.

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[REDACTED]

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached memorandum be sent to the SAC, New York, authorizing him to advise Cardinal Spellman through [REDACTED] on a strictly confidential basis: b7c

(1) That we have no information regarding whether such a book is actually contemplated and that we have no information as to who the author might be;

(2) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(3) That the SAC make available to the Cardinal, through [REDACTED] the attached blind memorandum [REDACTED] setting forth pertinent information from the 1938 Dies Committee [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

OK H. SP ✓ 1-6 [initials]



January 5, 1955

BACKGROUND:

[REDACTED] discussed with SAC James J. Kelly on December 28, 1954, an anonymous communication sent to Cardinal Spellman. This anonymous communication purports to give information to the Cardinal to the effect that in 1955 a book will be published at Girard, Kansas, vilifying the Cardinal as well as the Church generally. The Cardinal requested [REDACTED] discuss this matter with SAC Kelly. The Bureau's help was requested to determine: (1) whether in fact such a book is contemplated; (2) the name of the author; (3) whatever information the Bureau can provide to the Cardinal's office regarding the author of the book, the thought in mind being that, upon publication of this book, should the author have a Communist or unsavory background, this information could be placed where it would do the most good in explaining the author's motives. b7c

The anonymous communication alleged that this book would contain vile information supposedly supplied by priests and others alleging a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It would also contain a lurid account of an alleged [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] in which the [REDACTED] were entertained by the Cardinal. The communication further alleged that "I think someone in the [REDACTED] has been paid for the rotten 'facts.'" b7c

FILE REFERENCES RE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST CARDINAL SPELLMAN:

A review of Bureau files failed to reveal any information concerning any plan to publish such a book, nor did this review shed any light on the allegations against Cardinal Spellman. This review consisted of a review of all references on [REDACTED] variations), the main file on [REDACTED] and references, and the main file on Cardinal Spellman and all references to him since January 1, 1954. A review of the files of the Identification Division failed to locate any arrest record identifiable with [REDACTED] b7c

Bureau files reflect that a rumor was spread during the 1940s to the effect that [REDACTED] had dealings with the Nazis during World War II and that the FBI had taken him into custody. We received numerous communications regarding [REDACTED] b7c

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this rumor, and these correspondents were advised that the FBI had never conducted any investigation concerning [REDACTED] and that we had no information indicating he was in any way connected with un-American activities. Cordial correspondence between [REDACTED] and the Director extended over many years. (62-39677) b7c

This review revealed that the Bureau has had cordial relations with Cardinal Spellman for several years and that he appears to be a genuine friend of the Bureau and the Director. (94-4-5826)

POSSIBLE PUBLISHER:

The name of the publishing company at Girard, Kansas, which will allegedly publish the attack on Cardinal Spellman was not identified by the anonymous correspondent; however, it is noted that the publishing firm of [REDACTED] located in Girard, Kansas. This publishing company was founded approximately 33 years ago in Girard, Kansas; and it has published pamphlets, books, et cetera, on many subjects, some of which have been regarded as of a socialist nature. This concern published the "Little Blue Books" which dealt with various topics such as love, health, sex, social problems, et cetera. Prior to his death in Girard, Kansas, on July 31, 1951, [REDACTED]

Summary

Memorandum to Mr. Nichols

January 5, 1955

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SAC, New York

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ALLEGED PLANS TO VILIFY  
HIS EMINENCE FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN

PERS. FILES

EX-117 Reurlet 12-28-54 and letter from SAC, Kansas City with copy to New York, 1-3-55.

Your attention is called to the referenced letter advising of the possibility of a book vilifying Cardinal Spellman and the suggestion of the Kansas City Office that [redacted] is capable of such. b7c

Bureau files fail to reveal any information concerning the plan to publish such a book vilifying Cardinal Spellman, nor do Bureau files shed any light on allegations against Cardinal Spellman.

As referenced letter of SAC, Kansas City indicates, no name has been mentioned concerning the publishing company for this book; however, the firm of [redacted] has in the past published various attacks upon religion, especially the Catholic Church, as well as an inaccurate, scurrilous and libelous attack on the Bureau and myself in approximately 1948. b7c

You are authorized to advise Cardinal Spellman on a strictly confidential basis through [redacted] and [redacted] that:

(1) We have no information regarding whether such a book is actually contemplated and that we have no information as to who the author might be.

(2) The publisher [redacted] has in the past published attacks upon religion and this firm has operated by [redacted] until his death in 1951, after which [redacted] took over the operation of the company. b7c

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
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Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Pennington  
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Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

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You may confidentially make available to the Monsignors the following enclosed items:

(1) Blind memorandum which sets forth information from the 1938 Dies Committee Report, Volume I, pages 695 and 696;

(2) Photostat of an item from the Washington Star for March 23, 1950, regarding the indictment of [REDACTED] b7c

(3) Photostatic copy of a short article entitled "Call in the F.B.I." from "America," a Catholic weekly review, for March 7, 1942, reflecting that [REDACTED] was the publisher of the anti-Catholic "The Black International." b7c

This should be handled promptly and the Bureau should be advised of the result of your contact with Monsignors [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

1/10/55  
I instructed SAC Kelly  
to handle this personally  
with Cardinal's office.  
JRM  
JRM

Done 1/10/55  
per [unclear]  
from NY

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, New York

DATE: 1/12/55

SUBJECT: ALLEGED PLANS TO VILIFY  
HIS EMINENCE FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN

Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Sizoo	_____
Mr. Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

ReBulet 1/6/55.

On Monday, 1/10/55, the writer furnished the pertinent information outlined in reflet to [redacted] in the absence of [redacted] stated he was extremely grateful for the assistance given by the Bureau and the information in question would be brought to the attention of His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman.

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FRANCIS JOSEPH CARDINAL SPELLMAN  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CARDINAL  
452 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

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Cardinal Spellman was born in Whitman, Massachusetts, on May 4, 1889. He received his A.B. degree from Fordham in 1911, and his S.T.D. degree in Rome in 1916. He holds numerous honorary degrees from various colleges throughout the country.

He was Assistant Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Boston from 1922 to 1925, and served as an Assistant at the Vatican in Rome from 1925 to 1932. He was Auxiliary Bishop of Boston from 1932 to 1939, and he has been Archbishop of New York from 1939. He was appointed a Cardinal in February, 1946. Cardinal Spellman is the author of numerous books and pamphlets.

RELATIONS WITH THE BUREAU:

We have had long and cordial relations with Cardinal Spellman. Shortly after he was elevated to the rank of Cardinal, he published a pamphlet entitled "Communism Is Un-American." In the back of the pamphlet is set out a reprint of "Communism Is A Menace" under the Director's by-line.

In the latter part of 1950, the Bureau conducted investigation concerning one [redacted] was a Korean who allegedly made anti-American statements and showed an unusual interest in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He had entered the United States in 1948, and one of his sponsors was Cardinal Spellman. b6

In July, 1953, [redacted] was interviewed by Bureau Agents. [redacted] advised that he was acquainted with [redacted] of the Asia Institute in New York City. [redacted] at the time was also the subject of a pending Bureau investigation and one reliable source had described him as a member of the Communist Party in 1949. [redacted] claimed that a group of Catholics in the United States led by Cardinal Spellman was at odds with the Vatican on various foreign issues. [redacted] referred to the Spellman followers as a "conspiracy" working to undermine the Eisenhower Administration and to eventually bring about the election of McCarthy as President. b7c

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You will recall that in 1949 the Roman Catholic Church forbade any of its members to read Communist literature. If such reading was necessary in a person's work, the individual was to get the permission of his parish priest. Cardinal Spellman elucidated this policy, and it was given considerable publicity.

In a memorandum captioned "Cardinal Spellman on Communism" to [REDACTED] dated July 29, 1949, [REDACTED] set forth the following policy as related to In-Service classes. b7c

1. No Seat of Government representative appearing before any In-Service group or class will deliberately, and on his own initiative, raise the problem posed by Cardinal Spellman.
2. If a question of interpreting Cardinal Spellman's statement is raised in an In-Service group or class, the Bureau's policy shall be stated to be:
  - (a) A Bureau representative working on Communist matters is not to obtain approval from his priest.
  - (b) If such Communist work by any Bureau employee disturbs his conscience, this should be made known to the Bureau and such employee will be removed from that type of work.

The above policy was in accordance with the Director's instructions.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

Mr. [REDACTED]

DATE: April 13, 1955

FROM :

Mr. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

VISIT WITH FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN

FRANCIS SPELLMAN

Reference is made to my memorandum of April 22, 1955, in the above-captioned matter setting forth information received from [REDACTED] concerning his appointment with Francis Cardinal Spellman to discuss the possibility of having various church dignitaries from the U. S., en route to the Eucharistic Congress in Rio de Janeiro in 1955, stop in various South American cities to discuss with clerical officials of those cities the necessity of making an intensive study of Communism and using effective means to combat this menace in Latin America.

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that he met Cardinal Spellman, gave him a brief synopsis of his trip through Latin America and set forth the Communist problem and his thoughts as to how Catholic clergy of Latin America can effectively combat the menace of Communism.

He related that Cardinal Spellman was impressed with his survey and suggestion, advised him that he regretted that he could not personally partake in the program as he will be accompanied to the Eucharistic Congress by large entourage, which would prevent him from adding to his present schedule. Cardinal Spellman added, however, that he thought that [REDACTED] Puerto Rico, and [REDACTED] of Philadelphia, would be able to help him and he would arrange for them to get in touch with [REDACTED]

Cardinal Spellman informed [REDACTED] that one of the officials of the church most knowledgeable about such matters in Latin America, was [REDACTED] of Catholic University. Cardinal Spellman summoned [REDACTED] to the Woodner Hotel, where Cardinal Spellman was staying, and outlined to him [REDACTED] suggestion and suggested to [REDACTED] that he keep in touch with [REDACTED] study his suggestion and take the necessary steps to implement it if possible. [REDACTED] is known to [REDACTED]

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Memo to Mr. [REDACTED] b7c

personally to Liaison Agent Sullivan. He was formerly with the National Catholic Welfare Organization and is presently Dean of Social Studies at Catholic University. He is considered an expert on Latin American social problems.)

[REDACTED] stated that he will be in touch with [REDACTED] and will keep [REDACTED] advised of developments. b7c

RECOMMENDATION:

For your information.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *V. G. M.*DATE: 9/30/55 *His*FROM : L. B. Nichols *LBN*SUBJECT: *bn*REQUEST OF CARDINAL SPELLMAN,  
NEW YORK DIOCESE, FOR INFORMATION*Cardinal Francis Spellman*

ASAC Simon advised, 9/28/55, [REDACTED]

an aide to Francis Cardinal Spellman, had sent the following message to the New York Office - [REDACTED]

ACTION:For record purposes. *fin*cc [REDACTED] *b7c*[REDACTED] *c*  
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