

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
TAKEN VERBATIM FROM "WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA, 1956-1957"**

HOOVER, J(ohn) Edgar, dir. F. B. I.; b. Washington, D. C., Jan. 1, 1895; son of Dickerson N. and Annie M. (Scheitlin) H.; LL.B., George Washington U., 1916, LL.M., 1917, LL.D., 1935; LL.D., Pa. Mil. Coll., N.Y. U., 1936, Westminster Coll., 1937, Okla Baptist U., 1938, Georgetown U., 1939, Drake Univ., 1940, Notre Dame Univ. and St. John's Univ. Law Sch., 1942, Rutgers U., Univ. of Ark., 1943, Seton Hall Coll. and Holy Cross Coll., 1944, Marquette U., 1950; D.Sc., Kalamazoo Coll., 1937; D.C. L., University of the South, 1941, Pace College, 1954. Member bars of District Court of United States for D.C., U.S. Court of Claims, U. S. Supreme Ct. Entered Dept. of Justice, 1917; spl. asst. to atty. gen. of U.S., 1919-21; asst. dir. Bur. of Investigation, 1921-24; dir. Federal Bur. of Investigation, U.S. Dept. of Justice since 1924. Trustee George Washington U.; elected mem. nat. bd. of Boys Club of Am., 1943. Mem. nat. com. on pub. relations Boy Scouts of Am.; mem. nat. advisory council Girl Scout of Am. Life member International Assn. Chiefs of Police and hon. mem. many police, sheriff and other law enforcement assns.; mem. Kappa Alpha, Omicron Delta Kappa,

Delta Theta Phi, Alpha Phi Omega, Zeta Sigma Pi; hon. life mem.
Internat. Assn. for Identification, Chief Constables Assn. of
Canada. Presbyn. Mason (K.T., Shriner). Author: Persons in
Hiding, 1938; articles in numerous mags., law revs. and police
journs. Clubs: Columbia Country. Office: F. B. I., U.S. Dept. of
Justice Bldg., Washington.

**Pertinent Information Concerning National Security Medal
Presented to John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice
By President Dwight D. Eisenhower on May 27, 1955**

The presentation ceremony was held at the White House and attended by members of the President's cabinet. William P. Rogers, Deputy Attorney General of the United States, read the citation accompanying the medal which is as follows:

"As Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for 31 years, he has made an outstanding contribution to the national security of the United States. Exercising exceptional tact, perceptiveness, judgment, and brilliant leadership in a position of great responsibility, he has established the highest ideals of Federal law enforcement and has directed them to realization. His tireless efforts have brought to a new height of effectiveness the law enforcement machinery of the United States Government. Through his well-grounded and clearly defined concept of investigative procedures, reinforced by his recognized integrity and high personal prestige, he has won international recognition for the Federal law enforcement system of the United States.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER"

President Eisenhower's remarks at the ceremony:

"Mr. Hoover, your dedication and devotion to public service are so long and so well known, your accomplishments in that service are so great and so well known, that it seems idle for me to try to say anything that could add to the dignity of this ceremony.

"Perhaps it is just best for me to say I am proud to be an agent for our people in conferring upon you this highest award that the Government has, and to say that your real reward--as all of us know--is in the hearts, the thanks and the gratitude of our entire nation."

In accepting the award, Director Hoover stated:

"Thank you, Mr. President. I am deeply grateful for this honor which you have accorded me. I realize that it has been brought about through the dedicated accomplishments of the personnel and my associates in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as well as by the magnificent support which you as president and which the Attorney General have afforded us over the years.

"It is a pleasure, indeed, to serve as one of your subordinates."