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Mr. EDWARDS
Mr. EGAN
Mr. QUINN
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Mr. RORER

May 2, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Purvis telephoned to discuss with me the various members of the Chicago personnel, looking toward the selection of some one to be assigned to accompany Walter Winchell while he is in Chicago. We decided to use Agent Waters on this assignment, and to use Agent Metcalfe in the event an additional Agent is required. I suggested to Mr. Purvis that Mr. Nathan would be able to assist him during the absence of Agent Waters, the No. 1 man.

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Mr. J. E. P. Dunn,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 596,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Dunn:

I have just been advised that Mr. Walter Winchell, the New York columnist, is leaving shortly for Los Angeles, and I believe Mr. Fay has already addressed a letter to you, advising you of the fact that Mr. Winchell is leaving New York on May 29th, for Los Angeles, and will stop at the Ambassador Hotel, where his wife and daughter are at the present time. Recently when Mr. Winchell was in Chicago and Detroit, we extended him cooperation in seeing that he was properly accorded the necessary protection. In fact, we had an Agent with him in both of these cities. I do not believe that this will be necessary at Los Angeles, but I believe it will be well for you to contact him immediately upon his arrival in order that he may know you and feel free to communicate with you in the event there are any threats received by him. He has been very active in anti-Nazi movement, and feels that there may be some efforts made to cause him harm or embarrassment in Los Angeles by reason of his activities along these lines. Mr. Winchell also is in possession, from time to time, of considerable information, and he may feel free to advise you of some things which might be of assistance in our investigative work.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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Los Angeles, Califor
June 5, 1934

Mr. Quinn
Mr. Lester
Chief Clerk
Mr. Tamm

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Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 28, 1934, advising that Mr. Walter Winchell was leaving for Los Angeles on May 29th, and would stop at the Ambassador Hotel. In Mr. Dunn's absence, I contacted Mr. Winchell, whom I had previously met at New York, at the Ambassador Hotel on June 2nd upon his arrival there.

I had quite a conversation with Mr. Winchell about things in general, and I am sure you will be pleased to hear that he expressed great satisfaction with, and was very enthusiastic about, the treatment accorded him by the personnel of the New York, Detroit and Chicago Division Offices.

He spoke very highly of you, and particularly seemed to take a great deal of pride in a letter which he received from you recently in connection with his application for appointment as a Lieutenant in the Naval Intelligence, which letter he showed me.

Mr. Winchell expects to remain in Los Angeles until the end of August, and has rented a bungalow, Reposa No. 1, at the Ambassador Hotel. For your information, his unlisted, private telephone number at the bungalow is EX-position 1506. He was given the telephone number of the office, as well as my home telephone number, and has agreed to keep in contact with me. Mr. Winchell feels perfectly safe, and did not desire me to arrange for any protection, promising to notify us immediately should he receive any threats.

I am keeping in close contact with Mr. Winchell, and, as a matter of fact, he visited the office today, turning over some information relative to the Nazi movement.

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Very truly yours,

B. E. Sackett

B. E. SACKETT, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. Nathan
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Mr. Clegg
Mr. Cowley
Mr. Edwards
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Mr. Tamm

U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

P O Box 536
Los Angeles, California.
June 11, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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ON 8/21/84 #222,987

Dear Sir:

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Walter Winchell, who, as I have already advised you, is stopping at the Ambassador Hotel in this city, informed me Saturday that he had accepted an offer to appear in person at a San Francisco Theatre for one week, commencing June 22, 1934. Upon completing that week in San Francisco, he will return here and remain at the Ambassador Hotel until the first part of September, when he will return to New York.

Mr. Winchell has been advised by friends of his that one [redacted] an attorney at San Francisco, has stated he will "beat up Winchell" because the latter at one time mentioned over the air that Inez Norton, formerly Arnold Rothstein's girl, was engaged to be married to [redacted]. b-6

Mr. Winchell is somewhat apprehensive because of these rumors and has intimated to me that he would desire to have an Agent with him at San Francisco during the time he is there. He mentioned the fact that Mr. J. J. Waters of the Division was with him in Detroit and Chicago at the time he was appearing in person in those cities. I assured Mr. Winchell that the Division would see that appropriate arrangements were made for his protection in San Francisco, but did not commit myself on the subject of having a Division Agent with him constantly in that city.

Please advise whether you desire to have an Agent with Mr. Winchell constantly at San Francisco, and if so, whether you wish an Agent assigned to this office to proceed to San Francisco for that purpose, returning when Mr. Winchell does, or whether you wish to have an Agent of the San Francisco Division Office pick up Mr. Winchell on his arrival there. Mr. Winchell intends to leave Los Angeles about June 19th or 20th.

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Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 556
Los Angeles, California
June 11, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Room 1403, 370 Lexington Ave.
New York City, New York

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Dear Sir:

Mr. Walter Winchell turned over to me some information which he received from his secretary, Miss Cambridge, at New York on June 9, 1934, which information came into the hands of his secretary anonymously.

I am quoting that part of the telegram received by Mr. Winchell from his secretary containing this information:

"————ANONYMOUS COUPLE THOUSAND MACHINE GUNS IN CELLAR 47 WARREN STREET AND UNDERCOVER IN WALLS SOME PLACE STOP BULLETS WHICH EXPLODE WHEN THEY CONTACT AND CANNOT BE TRACED ARE MADE IN SAME CELLAR STOP WHO IS GETTING HUSH MONEY FOR KEEPING BICKS FROM REPORTING THESE GUNS AS HOT STUFF INSTEAD SCRAP IRON————"

This information is this date being submitted for your information and such attention as you may deem appropriate.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT - Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Division

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 936,
Los Angeles, California.

~~DECLASSIFIED BY~~ SP8BTJ/GCL
~~ON~~ 8/21/84 #227,987

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of June 11, 1934, in which you advise that Mr. Walter Winchell has accepted an offer to appear in person at a San Francisco Theatre for one week, commencing June 22, 1934, and desires that a Division Agent be assigned to act as a bodyguard for Mr. Winchell while he is in San Francisco. I desire that you advise Mr. Winchell that because of the pressure of business in the Los Angeles and San Francisco Offices, it will be impossible to assign a man to accompany him during his stay in San Francisco. It is further suggested that you ascertain from Mr. Winchell whether he will have any objection to our confidentially advising the San Francisco Police of his belief that he may suffer physical harm in San Francisco, in order that the Police Department may, if deemed necessary, assign a man or men to accompany him. In the event Mr. Winchell has no objection to this procedure, you should advise the San Francisco Office in order that it may inform the San Francisco Police of this matter.

I desire that you utilize the utmost tact and diplomacy in your contacts with Mr. Winchell.

Very truly yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

JUN 14 1934 ★

cc - San Francisco

AIR MAIL

SPECIAL DELIVERY

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DAILY MIRROR
SUNDAY MIRROR
235 EAST 45TH STREET
NEW YORK

Mr. N
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Baughma
Chief Clerk
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Cowley
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
MURRAY HILL
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Tamm

Aug,9th 1934

Dear Mr.Hoover:

I returned from California today and the closed letter greeted me. Naturally,I am low with disappointment.

Because your last letter was so encouraging to me--I decided to tell you about it.

With the hope that when you find a spare few minutes--you can help put me through into a service I am anxious to be.

In Chicago my paper's editor there assigned me to try and "break" Mr.Purvis with a story on the late John D. But Purvis wouldn't budge with any worthy comment and my reportorial prestige,as it is called,suffered no little. I don't blame him,as I told him. The gazettes were merciless with him after the Little Bohemia episode.

Joe Dunne and Mr.Sackett of your L.A. offices were also very cordial to me.

Good wishes,

Walter Winchell

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HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDANT
THIRD NAVAL DISTRICT
Wash and Christopher Sts.,
N.Y.C.

8 August, 1934.

From: Commandant, Third Naval District.
To: Mr. Walter Winchell,
115 Central Park West,
New York, N. Y.

Subject: Application for appointment as a Lieutenant or a Lieutenant Commander, I-V (S), USNR.

Reference: Your application of 23 March, 1934.

1. The Commandant regrets to advise that no action can be taken on your application for appointment as a Lieutenant or a Lieutenant Commander, I-V (S) USNR, at the present time, as no vacancies exist in the quota of I-V (S) officers allotted the Third Naval District.

2. Your name will be placed on the waiting list and when vacancies occur, your application will be given consideration.

(Signed) F. R. Lackey
By Direction.

Copy to:
District Intelligence Officer.

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August 25, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LESTER.

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Please place the name of Mr. Walter Winchell, 115 Central Park, West, New York City, on the list of persons to receive all releases.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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August 27, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS.

Please place the name of Mr. Walter Winchell, 115 Central Park, West, New York City, on the list to receive copies of the crime bulletin and all other releases.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Baughman
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Mr. Coffey
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DAILY MIRROR
SUNDAY MIRROR
235 EAST 45TH STREET
NEW YORK

Tuesday, Sept. 4. 1934
MURRAY HILL 2-1

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Cowley
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm

Your notes and the copy of your speech came today. It seemed to read well--it must have sounded fine. I'm so interested in the theme I'm prejudiced, perhaps. The "cops and robbers" pattern is always good.

I haven't heard yet from the Captain. I will let you know within a fortnight if nothing happens, and thanks again for keeping interested in it and me.

Faithfully,

Walter (Winchell)

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
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September 7, 1934.

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Mr. John Edgar Hoover,
Director, Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1001 Vermont Avenue, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

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SEP 17 1934

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I had quite a long visit with Walter Winchell last night; in fact, I did not leave him until about 4:00 o'clock this morning. He told me how pleased he was at the reception which he received from you and stressed the point that you gave him considerable time, notwithstanding the fact that you were tremendously busy. He praised you highly for the attitude which you assume against gangsters and other so-called "gorillas", and he said that he wanted you to get in touch with him should you visit New York. He was also quite impressed with Mr. Tolson.

Winchell was particularly pleased with the action which you took concerning his application for appointment to the Naval Intelligence, and feels quite certain that he will receive his commission within a short period of time, now that you have taken such an active interest in it.

For your general information, I am attaching hereto copy of a memorandum which was sent through by Walter Winchell relative to the Silvershirt organization in California.

As I related to you over the telephone, I had quite a conference with [redacted] last evening and endeavored to pacify her over a period of approximately four and one-half hours. She seemed to be obsessed with the idea that, regardless of the identity of the agent, the one who had started the investigation and who was familiar with all angles of the case should be permitted to follow it through to its conclusion. She felt that the arrest of Monnier was merely incidental and that he was merely a tool being used by other members in a conspiracy. She was quite nervous and at times became quite excitable. I talked

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

September 7, 1934.

to her alone, and inquired as to whether she had any criticism to offer concerning the activities of any of the agents assigned to the case. She stated that she was quite pleased with the services performed by all agents with whom she had come in contact but that she felt that [redacted] the agent who had instituted the investigation, should be permitted to follow it through. I explained to her the administrative setup of the Division, the necessity for having a mobile unit inasmuch as our organization was comparatively small and that we had a large volume of work to perform, and cited to her many instances where it became necessary to almost instantly assign agents to "special assignments". I told her that all of the details which [redacted] and any of the other agents, had gathered while engaged on the investigation, had been properly recorded and that any agent reviewing the file could therefore readily become acquainted with all the facts. My efforts to pacify here were unsuccessful, and I finally departed at about 10:00 P. M., at which time she told me that she very much appreciated the efforts of the Agents and the Division, but that she felt that inasmuch as Agent [redacted] could not be reassigned to complete the investigation, she would not call upon us for any further assistance or convey any additional information which she might obtain. However, I left the telephone numbers of Agents McGrath, Soucy and myself with her so that in the event it became necessary for her to communicate with a representative of this Division, she could readily do so. [redacted] stated that if necessary, she would see President Roosevelt to have Agent [redacted] reassigned to finish the investigation which he started.

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Agent Geraghty informed me today that he had seen Mr. Frank Walker, and that Mr. Walker told him that he had conferred with Messrs. [redacted] and [redacted] who had informed him that the local leaders were quite concerned about not receiving any patronage and had openly declared that unless same were forthcoming shortly, they would not support Governor Lehman for re-election. Mr. Geraghty told me that he requested Mr. Walker not to ask for any further postponement in his transfer and that he would leave for El Paso on September 10th. He indicated that Mr. Walker informed him that possibly, at a later date, he will be able to obtain for Mr. Geraghty an appointment in the Department of Justice at Washington.

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

September 7, 1934.

Mr. Frank E. McAvoy of the Appliance Sales and Service Co., New York City, telephoned today and stated that he had received an invitation to bid on equipping a pistol range, with four booths, in the new Department of Justice Building, Washington, D. C.

Sincerely,

Frank.

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September 17, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

While talking with Mr. Fay in New York City yesterday, he advised me that the National Broadcasting Company had refused to permit Walter Winchell to include in his broadcast for Sunday, September 16, 1934, any comment concerning the appearance in the American Banker of a newspaper article indicating that Colonel H. Norman Schwarzkopf had requested all of the banks to be on the watch for gold certificates which composed the Lindbergh ransom money. Mr. Fay advised that Mr. Winchell had requested him to contact the National Broadcasting Company and assure them that Winchell's comment was O.K. but that he, Fay, had declined to do so.

I also instructed Mr. Fay to assign agents to the investigation of the allegations of coercion and intimidation of a grand jury sitting at Newark, New Jersey, which investigation was requested by Judge Fake, not later than Monday morning, September 17, 1934. Mr. Fay stated he would have agents working on this case by that date.

Further, I instructed Mr. Fay to watch closely all developments in the Morro Castle case and conveyed to him the contents of the telegram received from Mr. Alt indicating that Kingman in Havana thought we should interview [redacted] Mr. Fay stated that both of these individuals had heretofore been interviewed but nothing of value had been obtained from them.

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Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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October 20, 1934

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
413 Seward Square, SE.
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover;

The other day I received aletter from Walter Winchell which among other things contained the following comment concerning yourself - "I think he's a swell fellow myself and I have had several phone conversations with him and we write to each other a great deal. It was through him that my application for lieutenancy in the naval intelligence was not stalled." I thought you would be interested to know that apparently he is a real friend of yours but I hesitated to send such a personal comment to your office. Incidentally I have noticed that he invariably refers to the organization as the "Department of Justice". I feel that the type of material he is printing about us is very desireable and the Division should profit by it. In view of the fact that Frank Fay is undoubtedly on rather intimate terms with him I think it might be tactfully explained to him that our organization is the Division of Investigation. Knowing him as I do I believe he would appreciate being a little more accurate as being right is somewhat of a fetish with him. If you think it adviseable I can call it to his attention if I write him.

I am enclosing as of possible interest a copy of a letter from Mr. McGinley.

Sincerely yours,

James J. Waters

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Mr. J. J. Waters,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 987,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Waters:

I appreciate your letter of October 20, 1934 advising me of the letter received from Walter Winchell. I, too, have noticed his references to this organization and I am glad to receive your suggestions.

I was likewise pleased to know of the contents of the letter under date of October 17, 1934 from Mr. T. A. McGinley and want you to know that I received very favorable comments relative to the shoot from Mr. Baughman.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

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November 8, 1934.

VIA REGISTERED MAIL

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a letter received by Mr. Walter Winchell, starting "Dear Son - If thou hased been threadened" and ending "Thou shall be Protectet-", together with the envelope in which it was enclosed, bearing the postmark New York, N. Y., 11 P.M., November 2, 1934.

It is suggested that the material forwarded be treated for the development of latent fingerprints and in the event any fingerprints should be developed, that they be compared with the single fingerprint file. It is also suggested that a specimen of this writing be placed in the handwriting file so that should subsequent information of value be obtained concerning the identity of the writer, it might be connected with this case.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY
Special Agent in Charge

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Laboratory Report

Case: Anonymous letter to Walter Winchell. Number: 62-31615-15

Specimens: One anonymous letter printed with pencil on one side of one sheet of white paper andbeginning,"Dear Son - If thou hased been threadened***". One envelope in which the above letter was mailed to Mr. Walter Winchel postmarked New York, N.Y. 5, Nov 2, 1934, 11 - PM.

Examination requested by: New York Division Office.

Date received: Nov. 12, 1934.

Examination requested: Handwriting and Fingerprint

Result of examination: 11/12 Examination by: [redacted] b7C

11/12 Envelope 5.8 x 3.85 - .0042 WM. 3.1665
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Letter 8.46 x 5.5 + (torn off) .0441 WM. 2.233
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No Identification with other specimens.

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A. T. POTTER
ROOM #7110

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NEW YORK, N.Y.
NOV 2
11-PM
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MR WALTER WINCHELL
C/O DAILY MIRROR
NEW YORK CITY

DO NOT BREAK SEAL

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[illegible] DO NOT FEEL.

SONTA [illegible] SHOW IT WRITING [illegible]

ANYMORE. — SHOW IT WRITING [illegible]

LOVED WIFE. —— DAN. OIR. — YEAR

WOR PIN PRINT IN YOUR PAPER — SOON HOPE

WEEKLY — I MUST KNOW IF YOUR PROOF RIGHT.

OF MY MISSIN MUS [illegible] ——

WILL BE

NOTICE!

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report
November 13, 1934

Case: Anonymous letter to Walter D Winchell. Number: 62-31615-15

Specimens: One anonymous letter with pencil on one side of one sheet of white paper and beginning, "Dear Son - If thou hased been threadened****". One envelope in which the above letter was mailed to Mr. Walter Winchell postmarked New York, N.Y.5, Nov. 2, 1934, 11 PM.

Examination requested by: New York Division Office

Date received: November 12, 1934.

Examination requested: Handwriting and Fingerprint

Result of examination: Examination by: [redacted] b7c

The physical data of the stationery has been recorded for possible comparison with any stationery found in the possession of suspects. No identification was made in the comparison with other anonymous letters.

A report on the fingerprints will be submitted separately.

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

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2-New York
2-Laboratory

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November 14, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,
RECORDED New York, New York.

Re: Anonymous letter to Walter Winchell.

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Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division November 12, 1934.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure: #798610

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November 17, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
New York, N. Y.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of November 8, 1934, transmitting an anonymous letter received by Mr. Walter Winchell, together with the envelope in which it was enclosed, bearing the postmark New York, New York, 11 P.M., November 8, 1934.

The letter and envelope have been examined in the Division's Laboratory and three fragmentary latent fingerprints have been found on the letter. These three latent fingerprints have been compared with the fingerprints of Mr. Walter Winchell, Miss Ruth Cambridge and Miss Rose Bingman which were previously submitted in connection with the case entitled Letters to Mr. Walter Winchell from "The Phenton Reporter" [redacted] and one of the latent prints was found to be identical with the left thumb impression of Mr. Winchell. b7C

One of the two remaining latent fingerprints was of sufficient characteristic detail to permit search through the single fingerprint file, but no identification was effected. The other latent fingerprint despite its fragmentary nature will be of value for comparison with the fingerprints of any suspects or fingerprints submitted for elimination.

Very truly yours,

RECORDED 62-31615-17

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 7:50 P.M.

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November 19, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

While talking with Mr. Fay last night, he advised that during his conversation with Walter Winchell, Winchell had advised that he is now going to write a Sunday column for the Mirror, and all of the other papers who carry his column on week days, and who publish Sunday papers, will carry that column also. The column is to be called "New York Heart Beats". Winchell told Mr. Fay that he would like to give the Division a boost in his column on Sunday after next; that he desired to make statements under a heading, "Things I Never Knew Till Now"; that he does not desire numerous statistics, figures, etc. but wants something of human interest, for example, data such as the West Brothers Chart - "They look alike but their fingerprints are different". Winchell also referred to the Fleagle Case, which chart he had seen on the wall of the New York Office. Mr. Fay stated Winchell had mentioned Scotland Yard, and made reference to the number of men required to cover Greater London, etc. and their limitations, and then cited a comparison with that by stating that the Division covers the entire country with a handful of men. Mr. Fay asked that the data to be given to Winchell be forwarded to New York as soon as possible.

Mr. Fay stated that Winchell advised him that he had received a long distance telephone call from Steve Early, at which time he had stated, "Walter, I took that thing and gave it to the President"; that the President read it slowly and carefully and folded it, placing it in his inside coat pocket, stating, "Tell Mr. Winchell, that I am indeed grateful to him for this". Mr. Early did not know what he intended to do with this article or about it, but was pleased.

Mr. Fay stated he was going to make contact with Winchell as often as possible and also endeavor to obtain cordial relations with Brisbane.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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Lt. to Mr. Fay
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Mr. F. X. Fay,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,
New York, New York.

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Dear Mr. Fay:

Reference is made to your telephonic conversation with Mr. Tamm under date of November 18, 1934, in which you requested certain data to be supplied to Mr. Walter Winchell for use in his new Sunday column entitled, "New York Heart Beats", to be used in that part of the column entitled, "Things I Never Knew Till Now".

There are inclosed copies of the following Division charts which you may deliver to Mr. Winchell with my compliments, and which should prove of interest to him in this connection:

Chart #33-8	The Fleagle Case
Chart #33-9	History of the "West Brothers" Identification
Chart #33-14	The De Autremont Case
Chart #33-17	Bank Robber and Bomber Identified by Means of Fingerprints of One Hand
Chart #33-23	The Kelly Twins
Chart #34-25	Activities of the Technical Laboratory
Chart #33-27	Deciphering Charred Records
Chart #33-31	Kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel
Chart #34-37	Uniform Crime Reports - Monthly Trends (Daily Average) Robbery, January 1930 - December 1933

The total personnel of Scotland Yard as of July 1, 1933, the latest date for which this data is available, is 20,397 while the present investigative personnel of the Division as of November 20, 1934, totals 573. If he desires additional data relative to Scotland Yard, you may use your own discretion in furnishing him information contained in the Division memorandum dated July 22, 1933, entitled, "Scotland Yard - The Police Department of the Largest City in the World", together with a copy of the

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addendum to this article dated November 2, 1933. A copy of this memorandum with the addendum attached is inclosed. You are aware of course that copies of this particular memorandum and addendum are not to be furnished to Mr. Winchell or any other newspaper representative.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Incl. #803116.

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To to [redacted] b-6
gen. Hoover

October 23, 1934

Dear Mr. Winchell —

Why not start a movement to give suitable recognition to the officers (Federal, State and local) who are rendering distinguished service in ridding us of gangsters? A lot of Congressional Medals have been given for less!

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December 6, 1934.

Mr. Walter Winchell,
c/o Daily Mirror,
235 East 45th Street,
New York City.

Dear Walter:

I have just read the December 5 issue of the Daily Mirror in which you devoted your column to the work which we have tried to do in a small way in our Division, and I just wanted to write a few lines to tell you how much I enjoyed your column. I sincerely believe that its educational value is more than either you or I can appreciate.

I am attaching the current issue of "Sherehan Topics." You will note on Page 17 that you and I both are now included among the famous.

Cordially yours,

Encl.

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Lester M. Gillis, with aliases, I.O. #1923;
John Hamilton, with aliases, I.O. #1230; Mrs. Kolan Gillis, with aliases, I.O. #1230; et al; National Motor Vehicle Theft Act - Conspiracy to Harbor Fugitives - Probation Violators.

Two photostatic copies of handwriting specimens of John Paul Chase.
Four photographs of John Paul Chase.

Mr. E. J. Connelley - Chicago

December 8, 1934

Handwriting

No identification was made in a comparison of the handwriting of John Paul Chase with that of extortion and anonymous letters in the general laboratory file from all cases. Separate comparisons were also made with the anonymous letters to Walter Winchell, Melvin Purvis, and others in the Dillinger Case, and no identification was effected although some similarities were observed in the letter to Walter Winchell postmarked Milwaukee, April 26, 1934.

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January 7, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I telephoned Mr. Fay this morning concerning the reference to Mrs. Hollis in the broadcast last night by Walter Winchell.

Mr. Fay stated that, at the first opportunity, he would discuss this matter with Mr. Winchell and advise me of the basis of Winchell's reference.

Respectfully,

Clyde Tolson.

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DAILY MIRROR
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June 6,1935

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Dear John:

I find that the only way I can get a vacation this year is to have some guest columns. Several celebrated friends are contributing and I would like one from you. I have read some of your speeches and none of them are dull.

It will make me happier if you will not fail me and I might suggest that you re-write some of the old stuff on the famous cases in this country because it still is easy to read, and I think at the same time you could use the column in the Mirror and all the other papers to give the G-men pictures a piece of your mind.

If you decide to do it, I'd like to get it as soon as possible. It takes four pages of double-spaced typed copy and the sooner I get it the sooner I will know when I can get away.

My best regards to Clyde and everyone else who remembers me.

faithfully,

Walter

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June 12, 1935.

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Mr. Walter Winchell,
Daily Mirror,
235 East 45th Street,
New York City.

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Dear Walter:

I have your note of June 6th, relative to the guest column, and while I would indeed be glad to accommodate you in this matter, I am practically over my head in the work here, which would preclude my writing such a column as you have in mind. The breaking of the Weyerhaeuser case has completely swamped me, and I have been working practically eighteen to twenty hours a day, trying to keep abreast of the developments that have to be met in that case. The month of July, I will be out of the city in connection with official inspections of offices, and will be on the West Coast, so there will be little opportunity for me to participate in the preparation of a column. I want you to know how deeply appreciative I am, though, of your extending to me this privilege.

I am still looking forward to seeing you in Washington some time in the future, and hope that you will find time in your busy life to drop down so that we can have a chat together.

With best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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August 16, 1935

Mr. Walter Winchell,
115 Central Park West,
New York City.

Dear Walter:

I thought you might be interested in some of the attached items.

Clyde and I have been looking forward to seeing you in Washington, but I suppose your new obligations at home are keeping you pretty busy.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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On the evening of July 17th, the National Broadcasting Company arranged a nation-wide broadcast of a tour of the offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the Department of Justice Building at Washington. Recently, a letter was received from Edward T. Cosgrove, Assistant Superintendent of the Palestine Police Force, Jerusalem, Palestine, advising that at 4 o'clock on the morning of July 18th, he heard this complete broadcast over an American-made radio receiving set.

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In the Crime Laboratory of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, there is utilized an X-ray machine which permits an object enclosed in a container to be seen withothe naked eye without opening the container. This fluoroscope is used in the Crime Laboratory in connection with the examination of suspected packages, particularly where it is felt that the package might contain explosives or some type of a bomb which might be exploded when the package is opened. Some time ago, a high Government official received a package, and, suspecting its contents, asked the F.B.I. to examine it. The X-ray machine showed the package to contain a gavel which had been sent to the high official by a well-meaning constituent.

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Since the passage of the Federal Kidnaping Statute in June, 1932, the F.B.I. has conducted investigation in a total of 53 kidnaping cases. All of these cases have been solved. One hundred and twenty persons have been convicted and 24 are awaiting trial. The sentences imposed total 4 death, 24 life, and 1706 years.

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Congress has recently approved a bill granting $5000 to each of the widows of 5 Special Agents of the F.B.I. who have lost their lives in the last 2 years. Unfortunately, Special Agents and other employees of the F.B.I. do not have retirement or pension benefits, and the compensation available to beneficiaries in case of death, or to employees in case of total disability, is entirely inadequate. The widows of several of the Special Agents who have lost their lives have been given employment in the F.B.I. in order to assist them in maintaining themselves and their families.

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There are over 5,200,000 sets of fingerprint records on file in the F.B.I. at Washington. An average of 3700 additional is being received each day from almost 4000 contributing police departments and other law enforcement officials throughout the country, and from 68 foreign countries. The foreign countries forward to the F.B.I. the fingerprints of Americans arrested abroad, and in turn the F.B.I. forwards to foreign bureaus the fingerprints of nationals of their countries arrested in the United States. Each day approximately 300 fingerprint cards are received of citizens who desire to record their prints and those of their children in the F.B.I. files, for protection purposes in the event of kidnaping, amnesia or disappearance. A special civil fingerprint card for use in filing individual prints can be secured by writing to the Director of the F.B.I. at Washington, and local police departments are always willing to assist citizens in making fingerprint impressions. The civil records are kept entirely separate from the criminal files, and the civil collection includes the fingerprints of such notable as John D. Rockefeller, Jr.; Attorney General Homer S. Cummings; Secretary of Commerce Daniel C. Roper; Colleen Moore, motion picture actress; Courtney Ryley Cooper, the author; Walter Winchell; Joseph B. Poindexter, Governor of Hawaii; Countess Estelle Bernadotte of Sweden and her two children; and A. J. Drexel Biddle, Jr., Minister to Norway.

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The intensive training of the Special Agents of the F.B.I. at Washington now includes a complete course in physical training and expert instruction in the art of jiu jitsu. Each Special Agent is required to qualify each month in the use of every type of weapon employed by the F.B.I., including the pistol, shotgun, gas gun, sub-machine gun, and high-powered rifles. Police departments usually require their men to take this training course each year.

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The modern method utilized by the gangster criminal to record his killings is illustrated in the case of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, who was killed by Special Agents near Clarkson, Ohio, October 22, 1934. Examination of Floyd's watch, chain and charm disclosed groups of 10 notches cut into the watch crystal, the coin charm and on the works of the watch inside the case, the number of notches corresponding with the number of men reported to have been killed by Floyd.

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The fingerprints of no two persons have ever been found to be the same, even in the case of identical twins. The Hilton sisters, known as the "Siamese twins", who have been physically joined together since birth, are remarkably alike in appearance. An examination of their fingerprints, however, shows that the prints are not only different in characteristic details, but are so dissimilar that the classification formulas are different. The fingerprint classification of Daisy Hilton is:

19 L 17 W 0 11
S 4 W 0

The fingerprint classification of Violet Hilton is:

18 M 17 W W 11
L 1 R OI

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Each month the F.B.I. at Washington locates an average of 450 fugitives from justice through checking fingerprints forwarded to the Bureau by police officials throughout the country. The only cost to a police department of being advised as to the whereabouts of a fugitive wanted by the department is the cost of a collect telegram forwarded to that department by Director Hoover at Washington. Of the 3700 fingerprints received by the F.B.I. each day from law enforcement agencies, every other record is identified with a previous criminal history. This information is supplied to the police department which has the criminal in custody, and that department is kept advised thereafter of all arrests of the criminal in any part of the world. Judges make use of the information in the possession of the F.B.I. in sentencing persons whose claims of being first offenders are refuted by the previous criminal records disclosed by checking their fingerprints at Washington.

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During the past 2 years, more than 2000 firearms have been stolen from Government arsenals and armories by the criminal element, and over 200,000 rounds of ammunition were likewise stolen during this period. These guns include high-powered automatic rifles and machine guns.

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Hundreds of visitors daily view the exhibits on file in the office of the F.B.I. at Washington. It has been necessary to establish tours at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. for these visitors, in order to avoid interference with the daily work. The exhibits which can be seen by the general public include weapons used by notorious criminals such as Dillinger, Floyd, Nelson, and the Barrow brothers. Visitors are also shown the Fingerprint Division, and the Technical Crime Laboratory where scientific aids are used in crime detection work. One particularly interesting device shown to the visitors is a mechanical searching machine used in the Fingerprint Division which performs searching work within a period of 2 minutes, which work would consume 45 minutes if done by hand by a technical expert. It is possible to locate a fingerprint record of an individual in the great collection of over 5,200,000 fingerprints within 2 minutes after the receipt of the fingerprint card.

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The vocations and avocations of the Special Agents of the F.B.I. are, of course, frequently utilized in connection with their investigative assignments. It is rather interesting to learn that of the 620 Special Agents, 55 are proficient in one or more of 24 foreign languages, 63 are experienced farmers, 80 experienced ranchers, 47 expert horsemen, 17 were aviators, 7 were carpenters, 8 were camp directors, 3 were chauffeurs, 8 were tractor drivers, 3 were engineers, 16 were experienced mechanics, 17 were newspaper reporters, 73 were teachers, 48 were expert musicians, 5 were radio broadcasters, and 37 were bankers. The list of former occupations further includes painters, bakers, librarians, printers, salesmen, restaurant operators, miners, deck-hands, parachute jumpers, Indian experts, store keepers, seamen, pistol champions and gunnery experts.

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DIRECTOR

PHONE. FOR YOUR INFORMATION WALTER WINCHELL TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THE LEADING PARAGRAPH IN HIS COLUMN FOR THURSDAY WHICH WILL BE RELEASED ON THE STANDS AT EIGHT PM TONIGHT WILL BE QUOTE JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, RELENTLESS SHADOW OF CRIMINALS, WHO SCOWLS, AND RIGHTLY SO, EVERY TIME A PAROLED CONVICT STEALS OR MURDERS AGAIN, PROBABLY WILL SCOWL AT THIS. HOWEVER, THIS COLUMN IS ALWAYS OPEN TO ANY SANE CONTROVERSY. JIM TULLYS LETTERS HERE, ABOUT CLYDE HOLFORD, SENTENCED TO THE CHAIR IN OKLAHOMA, WERE NOT IN VAIN. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT OF AUGUST 30 "OKLAHOMA CITY - THE DEATH SENTENCE OF CLYDE HOLFORD, IN WHOSE BEHALF JIM TULLY, AUTHOR, WALTER WINCHELL, COLUMNIST, AND JUDGE BEN LINDSAY, INTERCEDED, WAS CHANGED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT TODAY BY THE STATE CRIMINAL COURT OF APPEALS." THIS COLUMN NEVER INTERCEDED FOR HOLFORD, AN ORPHAN. IT SUBLET THE SPACE TO TULLYS INTERESTING PEOPLE, WHICH SARCASTICALLY REVEALED THAT A FEDERAL JUDGES SON THERE WAS RELEASED ON A MURDER CHARGE WHILE HOLFORD - WHOSE ACCUSERS GAVE CONFLICTING TESTIMONY - WAS ELECTRIC-CHAIRED. HOLFORD WAS ACCUSED OF MURDERING A FELLOW CONVICT IN THE PRISON. WE CERTAINLY TRUST THAT HE WILL APPRECIATE HIS LUCKY BREAK AND NEVER DO ANYTHING TO HUMILIATE THOSE WHO SAVED HIS LIFE. UNQUOTE

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WHDL:BG

September 6, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Article by Walter Winchell.

I believe that the underscored portion of the attached column of Walter Winchell is very unfortunate and might serve to inaccurately place you in the false light which certain proponents of the Parole System have attempted unsuccessfully to do. I realize, of course, that this was probably not Mr. Winchell's intention.

Respectfully,

W. H. D. Lester

W. H. D. Lester.

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September 6, 1935

Notes of a New Yorker

John Edgar Hoover, the relentless shadow of criminals (who gloats and rightly so) every time a paroled convict steals or murders again, probably will scowl at this...However, this column is always open to any sane controversy, and Jim Tully's letters here, about Clyde Holford, sentenced to the chair in Oklahoma, were not in vain...The Associated Press reported on August 30, "Oklahoma City...The death sentence of Clyde Holford, in whose behalf Jim Tully, author, Walter Winchell, columnist and Judge Ben B. Lindsay interceded, was changed to life imprisonment today by the State Criminal Court of Appeals"... The column never interceded for Holford, an orphan. It sublet the space to Tully's interesting plea, which sarcastically revealed that a Federal judge's son there was released on a murder charge, while Holford (whose accusers gave conflicting testimony) was to be electric-chaired...Holford was accused of murdering a fellow convict in the prison...We certainly trust that he will appreciate his lucky break—and never do anything again to humiliate those strangers who saved his life.

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PHONE. WALTER WINCHILL (WINCHELL??) JUST ADVISED MR. TOLSON WAS ATTEMPTING TO REACH HIM ON TELEPHONE. FORMER WILL BE AT HIS OFFICE AT FOUR FIFTEEN PM

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

JHH:PS

September 19, 1935.

~~Personal and Confidential~~

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

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ON 8/31/84 #227,987

Dear Mr. Hoover:

A few days ago Special Agent T. H. Tracy of this office advised me that he was writing to you about inquiries that had come to him concerning Walter Winchell and the fact that Winchell has made radio announcements of action taken in many matters prior to the time that such information had been released publicly in the newspapers. Tracy at that time stated that on the streets he was hearing comment about Winchell having "an in" some place, enabling him to secure this information in advance. At that time I had not heard any such comments, not even from the newspaper men who have been calling on me in the absence of Mr. Whitley.

However, on Monday, September 16, I called on General Hugh S. Johnson of the Works Progress Administration in New York City, in accordance with your instructions, and during my conference with the General and his aides, who included the General's son, Lieutenant Johnson, the latter, at the time that I again urged General Johnson to treat my inquiry as confidential, stated that Walter Winchell had announced in his radio broadcast Sunday night, September 15, that General Johnson had requested the assistance of "Secret Service men from the Justice Department", as was described by the Lieutenant. The Lieutenant went on to say that it is a well known fact that Walter Winchell has "an in" in Washington. The Lieutenant, however, did not restrict this remark to any particular Government department or bureau, but he also added that it was his understanding that Winchell had about 400 people who were gathering information for him.

I did not hear Walter Winchell's broadcast on Sunday night, nor have I heard anyone else remark about having heard anything like Lieutenant Johnson attributes to Winchell. One of the stenographers in the New York Office, Miss Pauline Shoobs, has just advised me that she heard Winchell's 9:30 P. M. broadcast Sunday, but she heard nothing whatsoever about the Department of Justice or the fact that an investigation was to be made of Communistic activities in the Works Progress Administration.

I felt that you would like to be informed of the above.

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Sincerely yours,

J. H. HANSON, Assistant
Special Agent in Charge

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September 17, 1935

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

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ON 8/31/84 #227,987

Dear Sir:

Owing to the frequency with which Walter Winchell scoops his fellow newspapermen on news items which have to do with activities of the Bureau, considerable talk is heard of late in New York City implying that Winchell has some connection within the Bureau with a Bureau official which permits him to secure these news items before other reporters secure the information.

Winchell's broadcast of two weeks ago last Sunday night wherein he advised as to the capture of Weaver and the arrest of Nelson precipitated considerable talk, as did his expose of Chase's statement in the Frisch case.

I am merely bringing this matter to your attention in order that you may have knowledge concerning this bridge table and sidewalk gossip.

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Very truly yours,

T. H. TRACY
Special Agent

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He never knew the names & didn't mention them as I heard the broadcast. E.N.

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DEPT OF JUSTICE

DEAR JOHN GUY VAUGHN PRESIDENT OF CURTISS WRIGHT AERONAUTICAL COMPANY WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU ON A VERY IMPORTANT MATTER HE IS A GREAT FRIEND OF JAC KRINDLERS OF TWENTY ONE STOP HAVE NEVER MET HIM STOP WILL YOU PLEASE WIRE ME WHERE AND WHEN HE CAN MEET YOU IN WASHINGTON WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR MEETING HIM STOP JACK MAC AND THE WHOLE GANG SEND THEIR VERY KINDEST REGARDS MOST SINCERELY

WALTER WINCHELL

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October 15, 1935.

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MR. WALTER WINCHELL;
115 Central Park, West,
NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

REPLYING YOUR TELEGRAM I AM LEAVING CITY BUT EXPECT TO BE BACK ON SATURDAY STOP WILL BE GLAD TO SEE MISTER VAUGHN ON SATURDAY MORNING OR ON NEXT MONDAY MORNING IF THAT IS CONVENIENT TO HIM stop VERY BEST REGARDS TO YOU AND THE REST OF THE GANG SINCERELY

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

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December 19, 1935.

Mr. Walter Winchell,
115 Central Park, West,
New York City.

Dear Walter:

I thought you might be interested in the inclosed clippings from the Washington Herald and the Washington Post of today's date.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

A RADIO CORPORATION OF AMERICA SUBSIDIARY

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NEW YORK

February 10 1936

Mr J Edgar Hoover Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
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Dear Mr Hoover:

Here is a copy of the story on your department which Walter Winchell used on his broadcast last night.

Sincerely yours,

A A Schechter
News Editor

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NATIO L BROADCASTING CO NY, INC.

Excerpt from Walter Winchell's

Broadcast

February 9, 1936 .....NBC-WJZ Network

Attention, Mr and Mrs America -- The Federal Bureau of Investigation -- your Department of Justice and mine, has requested Congress to increase its appropriations $800,000. This will allow Attorney General Homer Cummings to give John Edgar Hoover an extra 114 men. They are needed, ladies and gentlemen, as one-half of the 15,000 cases now pending are not receiving attention. The G-Men last year spent $4,600,000, but they saved in recovered property, $38,000,000 -- $38,000,000 -- in other words, for each dollar spent, $8 was returned to the tax payers or to the Government. The G-Men have solved every one of the 62 kidnaping cases. They have cut bank robberies in half. They secured 95 per cent convictions in all cases -- a notable record and achievement and a thing to encourage.

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February 13, 1936.

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Mr. A. A. Schechter,
News Editor,
National Broadcasting Company,
Incorporated,
RCA Building,
30 Rockefeller Plaza,
New York, New York.

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Dear Mr. Schechter:

I have received your letter dated February 10, 1936, and wish to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the remarks concerning the Federal Bureau of Investigation made by Mr. Walter Winchell, on his regular broadcast February 9, 1936.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Tracy

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February 7, 1936.

Mr. Walter Winchell,
115 Central Park West,
New York City.

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Dear Walter:-

I am sorry I was unable to see you in Washington this afternoon at the train. Clyde has told me of his talk with you and I am furnishing below certain information concerning the appropriation estimates of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

For the next fiscal year we are requesting an increase in our appropriation from $5,000,000 to $5,800,000. This will include the employment of 114 additional Special Agents throughout the country. At the present time due to the fact that we do not have enough investigators, one-half of the 15,000 pending cases are delinquent and are not receiving attention. Last year we spent $4,600,000 and saved in recovered property and successful suits a total of over $38,000,000; in other words, for each dollar spent eight dollars was returned to the taxpayers or to the Government. We have solved every one of the 62 kidnaping cases which we have investigated since the passage of the Federal Kidnaping Statute. In bank robbery cases, we have cut the number of bank robberies by one-half since we received jurisdiction in this type of case. We have successfully solved hundreds of extortion cases under the new statute and convictions are being secured in 95% of all cases investigated by our Agents which go to trial.

Special Agents of the Bureau, despite the hazardous work which they are called upon to perform, do not receive the benefits of any retirement or pension. Such benefits are available to Civil Service employees but have not been extended to our men.

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With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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DAILY MIRROR
SUNDAY MIRROR
935 EAST 45TH STREET
NEW YORK

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February 9th,1936

Dear John:

Thanks very much for your letter. I realize you couldn be at the station, I didn't expect you.

I think you're crazy not to go down South, even for a week, and enjoy a little life and pleasure. I know I did the right thing. It ironed me out and I am now getting up at noon and going t bed early. My nerves are calm. For God's sake, go.

I hope you listened in on my broadcast.

One of my dearest friends of many years standing, Will Keefe, of the Associated Press, is getting away to Washington for few days of relaxation. I immediately thought of you. If you can find time--or Clyde can, please treat him well.

I was only thinking last night, sitting with Curley, l many good friends of mine you boys have been cordial to, and also l many good friends I made for the Department. These are the gentl men who exploit your deeds, John, all of which is priceless good will, as you know.

Regards to Clyde,

Affectionately,

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Mr. Walter Winchell,
115 Central Park West,
New York City.

Dear Walter:

I have your letter of February 9th, and am indeed glad to know that you feel that your trip to Miami was helpful. I shall be very glad to meet Mr. Willard Keefe of the Associated Press when he reaches Washington, and to do anything I can to assist him in an enjoyable visit.

Thanks again for what you said on Sunday night concerning our work and for your many kindnesses.

Clyde joins me in very best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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DAILY MIRROR
SUNDAY MIRROR

235 East 45th Street

New York

March 10, 1936

Dear John:

Thanks for your help. And for the current address of Haase. I have turned it over for further investigation to local police.

Best to you all,

Walter Winchell

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501 Healey Building,
Atlanta, Georgia,
March 16, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

Last night Walter Winchell in his weekly broadcast from New York City appears to have stated that due to a threatened kidnaping, Bobby Jones, the golf star, had had doubled the guard of Agents of the Bureau of Investigation around his home. Shortly after this broadcast several telephone calls were received at the office and by me at my home personally from local newspapers and from news services inquiring regarding the alleged threatened kidnaping. The newspaper men were all given non-committal answers.

Shortly after receiving the information set forth above, I personally got in touch over the telephone with Mr. Robert Tyre Jones, Jr., at his home, [redacted]

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In view of the several telephone calls received in Atlanta regarding this matter, I deemed it expedient to call Mr. Tamm over long distance telephone in order that the Bureau at Washington might be fully informed. Accordingly, Mr. Tamm was given the information set forth above.

This afternoon [redacted] called me on the telephone and inquired as to whether it had been possible to develop the source of Walter Winchell's information. I advised him that the matter was

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being given attention. I told him that it might be rather difficult to secure the information inasmuch as it was my understanding that Walter Winchell had a policy whereby he did not ever disclose the source of his information. I told him, however, that every effort would be extended to obtain the information for him but that it was a matter which possibly could not be handled expeditiously. He stated that he would appreciate everything that could be done. He is somewhat disturbed about the matter.

In view of the fact that Mr. Jones is a very influential individual in Atlanta and vicinity, I believed it advisable to call Mr. Tamm again today and inform him regarding the present attitude of Mr. Jones and requested that the matter be given as expeditious attention as might be possible under the circumstances.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-New York City

SUNDAY MIRROR

235 East 45th Street

New York

March 28, 1936.

Dear John:

Here is a nice letter from Herbert Correy.

I thought you would like to read it.

regards,

Walter

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HERBERT COREY
4712 Blagden Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

March 27, 1938.

Dear Mr. Walter Winchell:

My telephone has been ringing ever since you conferred the orchid honor on me via the column and the Washington Herald. I knew you had a host of readers, but I did not know that practically all of my friends seem to be included in the list.

I thank you very sincerely for your mention of "Farewell, Mr. Gangster."

Your column is evidence that you play no favorites--either way-- and therefore a line from you has a value that a two column head might not have somewhere else.

I tried to give a correct picture of conditions existing in this country today and your approval is something more than welcome.

Cordially,

Herbert Corey.

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Mr. Walter Winchell,
115 Central Park, West,
New York City.

Dear Walter:

I read with great interest the inclosed letter which you sent me from Herbert Corey, and am returning it to you because I assume you might want it for your files. Herbert is a real fellow. I have learned this because in connection with the writing of his booke he lived with us here in the Bureau for nearly six months. I hope that his book does receive a real public interest because it is a true portrayal of the FBI activities.

I may get to New York on Saturday evening. If I do I will give you a ring and say hello.

Yesterday I had the occasion of speaking before the newspaper editors of America who are in convention here in Washington, at which time I pointed out some of the things that the newspapers help us in and some of the things in which they hurt us. I pointed out, without, of course, mentioned the names specifically, how a well-known columnist had refrained from printing a truly national and international scoop on the Lindbergh case for twenty-four hours in order not to harm the investigation which was being conducted in that case. Of course, you know who that person is. The entire speech was "off the record" but I thought the editors should know that there was at least one columnist who put patriotism and the safety of society above any mercenary attitude in his profession.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover.

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Laboratory Report

April 18, 1936

Case: Anonymous letter to Walter Winchell.

Number: 9-1725-2

Specimens:

A. One page typewritten letter beginning "Birthday Greeting to Walter Winchell: Through all your****".
B. Envelope addressed to Walter Winchell and postmarked "Washington, D. C. 20, April 7, 1936, 6 P.M.".

Examination requested by: (Answer to Washington Field Office)

Date received: April 10, 1936

Examination requested: Document and Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

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There are several characteristics in the typing of this letter that are similar to those of the Corona typewriter. The typewriting is evidently of Elite style, but it is peculiar in that the letters are spaced ten to the inch whereas ordinary Elite typing is spaced twelve letters to the inch. Inquiry will be made by the examiner to the L. C. Smith and Corona Typewriting Company for futher information.

The typewriting which appears on this letter has been compared with the anonymous letters previously received in this case and with the following cases which contain anonymous letters addressed to Walter Winchell: 9-1284; 62-31615 and 62-31514, but has been found to be not identical.

The typewriting on this letter has been searched through the Laboratory's anonymous letter file without an identification being effected.

Photographic copies will be forwarded within the next several days.

A report on the fingerprint examination will be submitted separately.

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

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A photographic copy of this letter will be placed in the Laboratory anonymous letter file.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Washington, D. C.

Re: Anonymous Letter to
Walter Winchell.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau April 10, 1936.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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