

OFFICE OF THE
TOWN TREASURER
MAYNARD, MASS.

May 16th, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:-

I am writing you concerning the possibility of securing a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the Washington headquarters, to address an audience of approximately two hundred people representing several Police and Fire Departments, School students, public officers and the public.

The Police Department is sponsoring it and if possible I would like to hold it June 4th, Thursday night.

Congratulations on your recent captures, you will soon be out of a job.

Thank you.-

Yours respectfully,

/s/ Geo. H. Gutteridge.

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Mr. George H. Gutteridge,
Town Treasurer,
Maynard, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Gutteridge:

I have received your letter dated May 15, 1936, expressing your desire to have a representative of this Bureau address a group of people, approximately two hundred in number, representing Police and Fire Departments, school students, public officials and the general public, on June 4, 1936, sponsored by the Police Department.

I am appreciative of your interest in extending the invitation and am pleased to designate Mr. C. D. McKean, Special Agent in Charge of the Boston office of this Bureau, to give the desired address. It is suggested that you communicate directly with Mr. McKean at Post Office Box 2344, Boston, to make the necessary arrangements in connection with his appearance.

I want to thank you for your commendation of this Bureau's recent success in capturing some of the country's major criminals.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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(Enclosure: Copy of letter dated May 15, 1936, from George H. Gutteridge, Maynard, Massachusetts.)

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
 Department of Justice
 Washington
 D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please permit me to congratulate you on your recent capture of public "rats". You have shown the criminal world that they cannot get away with it.

Before National Prohibition, the iron hand of the Federal Government was feared and respected. The general public felt like the negro who was being arraigned in a Federal District Court. After the clerk had finished reading the indictment and asked the accused whether he pled guilty or not guilty, the negro said; "Boss, please read that fust part over again." Whereupon the clerk read, "United States vs. Jim Johnson." Thereupon the negro said; "If de whole United States is agin me, I pleads guilty."

During National Prohibition days, the bootleggers aided by the mass of prosecution and the indifference of the jurors, brought the Federal Courts into disrespect and contempt. Law violators learned that they could violate the Federal law and escape punishment.

I thought that it would take a generation before the Federal prosecutions would be regarded with the fear and respect which they formerly held, but by your splendid work you have not only brought this about within a few years, but the campaign of the Department of Justice for law enforcement has awakened the whole body of citizenry of the United States to the necessity of the enforcement of the criminal laws, with the result that the criminals in the State Courts are being tried before jurors alert to enforce the State laws.

When I was in Washington a couple of years ago, I had a personal conversation with General Cummings, in which he discussed his plans for going after crooked criminal lawyers. The Department of Justice has been doing this, but there is a lot more work that should be done in that quarter. Any criminal lawyer who in his defense of criminal causes said criminal to materially alter or change the nature of his

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defense previously duly stated to competent legal authorities, should be prosecuted for subornation of perjury. Of course, the said lawyer would have the right to amplify and introduce proof to support the defense already stated by the prisoner, but the crooked criminal lawyer who coaches the defendant is as much an enemy to society as the criminal and should be handled. Having been prosecuting attorney for eight years and having handled three thousand indictments a year, I know that the criminal lawyers will consider this suggestion revolutionary, but I had in mind that some official like a public defender could be appointed whose duty it would be to take the statement of the prisoner before he was allowed to see a private lawyer, and the prisoner would be required to state his defenses to the said official. In case the prisoner refused to state his defenses, the record would show that fact, and a jury trying the case would naturally conclude that the defenses had been cooked up by the lawyer.

Please pardon me for transgressing on your valuable time, but I am keenly interested in the record that you are making and wanted to let you know that I felt you had added something to the safety of every man, woman, and child in the United States. I am an old friend of Colonel Bob Gates. I beg to remain

Very truly yours,

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J. N. Ester

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NORTH MEMPHIS SAVINGS BANK BUILDING
MEMPHIS, TENN.

Editorial Commercial Appeal 5/14/36.

Kidnaping Doesn't Pay

Kidnaping was made a federal offense in June, 1932, and that made the crime the business of Department of Justice agents. Now that the last man wanted for a major part in a kidnaping has been arrested, it becomes interesting to check the record of accomplishment during the last four years.

A total of 63 kidnaping cases has been reported and 173 persons have been convicted. Some 29 are serving life sentences and a total of 2,028 years has been imposed on other members of kidnap gangs. Four kidnapers died before they came to trial and two others were lynched by outraged private citizens. Five kidnapers have been killed while resisting arrest and six were murdered by other gangsters. There are about 20 kidnapers waiting trial.

An interesting and encouraging phase of the manner in which the Department of Justice has handled the cases lies in the number of kidnapers who have pleaded guilty and accepted long prison sentences rather than face the evidence ready to be produced against them. Within the week two men of this type have pleaded guilty. One of them took a life sentence and the other a term of 60 years. In a word, the G-men have been certain as well as persistent and inexorable. In a great majority of cases they have worked rapidly, too, as far as that goes.

In order to have a complete picture of the rather extraordinary performance, it should be kept in mind that the G-men have not rested with hunting down, arresting and convicting the so-called Big Shots of the kidnaping organizations. They have also pursued these cases on down to all those who aided and abetted the major perpetrators. They have sought out crooked lawyers, crooked surgeons, receivers of stolen goods, the dealers in stolen cars, the rooming house keepers who knowingly harbored kidnapers, and all and sundry who played any conscious part in either the crimes themselves or the efforts of the criminals to escape.

It amounts to a job devastating in its thoroughness and supplies what seems to be an entirely conclusive proof that kidnaping does not pay.

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May 21, 1936.

Mr. Z. M. Yates,
North Memphis Savings Bank Building,
Memphis, Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Yates:

I have received your letter, dated May 13, 1936, inclosing a copy of the editorial entitled "Kidnaping Doesn't Pay," which appeared in the May 14, 1936 issue of the Commercial Appeal, and want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in calling this article to my attention.

Permit me to express my sincere appreciation for your congratulations upon the recent success of this Bureau in apprehending some of the major criminals. I have particularly enjoyed your comments concerning the crime situation. I want to thank you for giving credit to this Bureau for increasing the fear and respect of the law during the past few years. It is indeed encouraging to observe the increased interest which our citizens are beginning to take in the enforcement of the criminal laws, and I feel that this change in sentiment will have a very salutary effect on the crime situation which has, to say the least, been very gloomy during the past decade.

Your suggestion that before being allowed to interview an attorney, a prisoner should be required to state his defenses to some disinterested official, has been observed with a great deal of interest.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I thought you might be interested in reading the attached copy of a letter, dated May 13, 1936, which I received from Mr. Z. N. Estes, Attorney, North Memphis Savings Bank Building, Memphis, Tennessee.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Hoover's Men Jail Robinson, Last Kidnaper

Abductor of Mrs. Stoll
Captured in Glendale,
Calif., After Search Be-
ginning in October, '34

\$4,200 of \$50,000
Ransom in Pockets

Armed, He's Taken With-
out Shot, as Climax
to Federal Roundup

By The Associated Press
WASHINGTON, May 11.—J. Edgar
Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau
of Investigation, Department of Jus-
tice, announced tonight the

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Re The attached - Thank you
and all your force for your determin-
ation, integrity and persistence. The
parents of beoned children will
sleep better and enjoy more of
our waking hours, now that
you have crushed this menace
so well. May this success be
permanent and may it extend to
other fields where it is needed.
If we can help in any way
to obtain appropriations needed
or pensions justly earned, please
let us know & we will do all
in our limited power. We feel
we owe it to you, again, thank
you.

5/5/36. Joseph G. Langan

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May 23, 1936.

Mr. Joseph G. Langan,
94 Paulin Boulevard,
Leconia, New Jersey.

Dear Mr. Langan:

I have received your letter dated May 15, in which you enclosed a clipping concerning the recent apprehension of Thomas M. Robinson, Jr. by Special Agents of this Bureau.

I want you to know how sincerely appreciative I am of your commendatory statements concerning the personnel and accomplishments of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The confidence which many of our citizens display in this Bureau's work is certainly a source of encouragement. I hope our work will continue to merit your approbation.

I am particularly grateful for your offer to support security legislation for the Special Agents. Their work is hard and hazardous and it seems only just that they should be given pension and retirement benefits at least comparable to those received by many other employees of the government.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: B. Frank Kaltenbach,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Mr. B. Frank Kaltenbach, 914 Baltimore Trust Building, Baltimore, Maryland, who is the Commercial Agent of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company at Baltimore, Maryland, called at my office this morning. He was present at the time I talked to the Transportation Club in Washington some time ago and stated that inasmuch as he was in Washington, on business, he just stopped by to congratulate the Bureau upon its apprehension of Campbell and Mahan yesterday.

Mr. Kaltenbach further stated that he was a member of the Traffic Club of Baltimore; that this club each year visited some industrial plant or similar concern. He was of the opinion that the club would be very much interested in a visit to the Bureau. Upon behalf of the Director, I extended to him an invitation and told him that I was sure if he would make some definite arrangement as to date and if it was at all possible, the Director would see that the members of his club were shown through the Bureau. He stated that the total membership of the club was 600, but did not indicate how many might be interested in going through the Bureau.

He also requested that, if possible, a written invitation or indication that his club would be welcome on such a tour be sent to him. The letter is attached.

Respectfully,

P. E. FOXWORTH

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Harry Campbell's Commemorative

May 5/36

Dear Mr Tolson.

"Congratulations" to you
and the F.B.I. "Great work."

Poor old Karpis, with the
director and assy on the job.

He sure was out of luck.

That was a splendid piece of
work and all the clean
thinking people in the world
appreciate it.

Sincerely
J. H. Lawrence

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Sincerely,

J. W. Leverton. (S)

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MIAMI, FLORIDA

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May 16, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

May I pause in the midst of a busy day, to heartily congratulate you on the splendid manner in which your office and the operatives working under you, have rid our Nation of its master criminals, especially during the kidnapping epidemic.

I have followed your work closely and I know of no one in the Country who has done more to help stamp out these thugs and criminals, than you have, and I am heart and soul with you.

It may amuse you to know that at one time, I tried to take a Civil Service Examination, so that I might assist you, but the Examiner, who was of Celtic extraction, thought that my mentality was inferior as I could not pass a Hugo-Munstenberg Psychological test. This I got a great kick out of, as at one time, I was Civil Service Examiner myself for the State of New York and have had a great deal of contact with the Civil Service Commission in Washington. Some men like ones personality, others do not.

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Again congratulating you,

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Yours sincerely,

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May 23, 1936.

Mr. Benjamin Axleroad,
U. S. Conciliation Commissioner,
1101-S Ingraham Building,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Mr. Axleroad:

I have received your letter of May 16 and want to express my sincere appreciation for the commendatory statements which you so graciously make concerning the personnel and accomplishments of this Bureau.

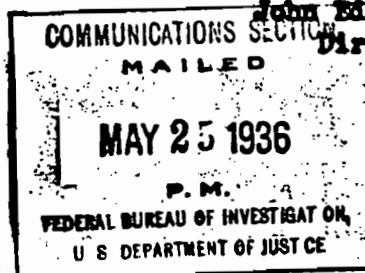
It is very encouraging to receive such an expression of confidence from you. I hope our work will continue to merit your approbation.

I enjoyed your comments concerning your experience with the Civil Service Commission.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As one of the citizens of this community,
I wish to congratulate you on the wonderful work you
and your men have been doing, especially for the past
six months. We hope that you will continue the good
work and bring about a better observance of our laws
than has been in the past.

Yours very truly,

W. H. Norman

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Mr. W. H. Norman,
Fairmont National Bank,
Fairmont, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Norman:

Thank you for your kind letter of May 16th, expressing congratulations upon the recent work of the representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It was kind of you to write to us and I trust the work of this Bureau will continue to merit your approbation.

Sincerely yours,

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MEMBER OF THE
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AMERICAN BROADCASTING COMPANY
ANNAPOLIS HOTEL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 13, 1936.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington D.C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Now that all of the kidnapers are in their
proper boarding houses for a long enough time to give you a rest,
congratulations are in order for your accomplishments in working
this campaign out to a successful conclusion.

As you probably know, I have been in the
insurance business for over forty years and am still in it.
I have had a plan in mind for some years that would recover
every stolen automobile in the United States. It is an under-
taking almost too big for an individual to handle. I shall be
very happy to tell you about the details and I think you will
readily realize it will be a wonderful thing for your department
to take over. Within a year's time it would put behind the bars
every crook in the United States that used an automobile for his
work.

Please understand I have no ax to grind in
this plan and if you see it in the light that I do and can
get the credit for putting it over, more power to you.

Give me a ring when you have a breathing
spell and I will be glad to get together with you either here or
run down to see you.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

Le Roy Mark

Le Roy Mark
President.

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Mr. Le Roy Mark,
President,
American Broadcasting Company,
Annapolis Hotel,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mark:

I have received your letter of May 13, 1936, advising of a plan which you have perfected which you believe would result in the recovery of stolen automobiles. I would be pleased to discuss this plan with you, and suggest that at your convenience you call at my office. In the event I am not in the city on the occasion of your visit to my office, I will be pleased to designate one of my assistants to discuss this plan with you.

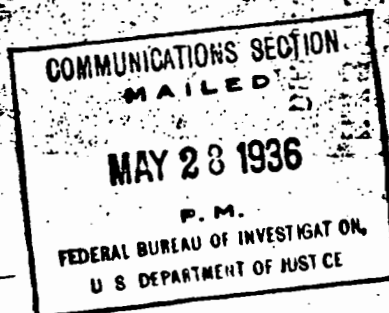
I appreciate your expression of congratulations upon the recent achievements of the Bureau.

With sincere personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box #766,
Cincinnati, Ohio

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May 16, 1936

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

Dear Sir:-

I am transmitting herewith a transcript of a news broadcast by Paul Sullivan, news commentator, for Radio Station W L W, Cincinnati, Ohio.

This broadcast was made on the evening of May 7, 1936, and I believe Mr. Sullivan's comments may be of interest to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent In Charge.

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--- PAUL SULLIVAN ---

THE G MAN HAS BEEN DRAMATIZED-- HE HAS BEEN PUBLICIZED -- BUT WE BELIEVE HE HAS YET TO RECEIVE THE HOMAGE DUE HIM . TONIGHT IS A GOOD NIGHT FOR US TO TAKE OFF OUR HAT TO J. EDGAR HOOVER AND THAT VALIANT ARMY OF HIS . FOR TONIGHT THE HEAD G MAN CALMLY REPORTS HIS MEN HAVE TAKEN TWO MORE PUBLIC ENEMIES . THEY ARE WILLIAM MAHAN , THE THIRD MEMBER OF THE RING WHICH KIDNAPPED THE LITTLE WEYERHAUSER BOY AT TACOMA -- AND HARRY CAMPBELL , KIDNAPPER , BANK ROBBER AND THE LAST OF THE NOTORIOUS BARKER-KARPIS GANG . THESE TWO PUBLIC ENEMIES FELL INTO THE GOVERNMENT NET TODAY --MAHAN IN CALIFORNIA AND CAMPBELL IN OHIO . BOTH WERE CAPTURED WITHOUT A SHOT BEING FIRED . IT IS SAID THAT ALVIN KARPIS , WHOM HOOVER LABELLED PUBLIC RAT No. 1 , GAVE THE INFORMATION WHICH LED TO CAMPBELL'S ARREST AT TOLEDO . OBSERVERS SAY THIS IS THE LOGICAL CONCLUSION , FOR J.EDGAR HOOVER AND HIS MEN WALKED STRAIGHT TO THE APARTMENT DOOR OF CAMPBELL . THEY KNOCKED . THEN HOOVER CALLED THROUGH THE DOOR : OPEN UP OR THERE WILL BE TROUBLE . THE DOOR WAS OPENED BY CAMPBELL'S WIFE-- AND THE GOVERNMENT MEN PILED IN - THEIR SAWED OFF SHOT-GUNS AND PISTOLS READY . HOOVER WAS IN THE FRONT OF HIS MEN . LATER HE SAID : HE PUT UP A LITTLE RESISTANCE--BUT IT WAS NOTHING TO SPEAK OF. THESE FELLOWS ARE ALL YELLOW YOU KNOW . FOLLOWING THIS ARREST HOOVER LED HIS MEN TO ANOTHER TOLEDO HOUSE , AND THERE THEY ARRESTED SAM COKER , WHO WAS A MINOR MEMBER OF THE KARPIS GANG . THEN HOOVER LOST NO TIME . COKER - HE

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BENT BACK TO OKLAHOMA TO FINISH OUT AN EIGHTEEN YEAR SENTENCE . CAMPBELL HE LOADED INTO AN AIRPLANE AND TOOK DIRECT TO ST. PAUL. CAMPBELL WILL STAND TRIAL WITH KARPIS FOR THE TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR KIDNAPPING OF EDWARD BREMER . IN CALIFORNIA G MEN STEPPED UP TO A MAN WALKING ALONG A SAN FRANCISCO STREET TODAY AND SEIZED HIM . HE MADE NO RESISTANCE . QUICKLY HE WAS SEARCHED AND ON HIS PERSON WERE FOUND SOME SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS . THIS MONEY WAS IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFIED AS WEYERHAUSER RANSOM BILLS-- BILLS WHOSE SERIAL NUMBERS MAHAN HAD TRIED TO ALTER . TONIGHT MAHAN IS BEING MADE READY FOR A FLIGHT TO TACOMA . THERE HE WILL STAND A QUICK TRIAL-- AND THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT HE WILL FOLLOW HARMON WALEY AND HIS WIFE TO PRISON , WHERE THEY ARE SERVING A LONG SENTENCE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE KIDNAP GANG . TO SAY THIS HAS BEEN A BIG WEEK FOR THE G MEN IS OVERSTATING THE CASE-- FOR ALMOST EVERY WEEK IS A BIG WEEK FOR THEM . THE ELEMENT OF DIFFERENCE IN THIS PARTICULAR WEEK IS THAT THE G MEN HAVE SEIZED THE MOST WANTED PUBLIC ENEMIES --THREE OF THEM IN ONE WEEK -- KARPIS-MAHAN , AND CAMPBELL . ANOTHER FEATURE OF THE WEEK IS THAT J EDGAR HOOVER NOW HAS BUT ONE MAJOR CRIMINAL TO TRACK DOWN . HE IS THOMAS H. ROBINSON JR. , WHO KIDNAPPED AND BEAT MRS. ALICE SPEED STOLL OF LOUISVILLE KY. YOUNG ROBINSON , IF HE IS IN SOUND OF THIS MICROPHONE , MUST TREMBLE IN HIS SHOES- FOR THE EVIDENCE IS PILING UP DAY BY DAY- EVIDENCE WHICH IS PROVING BEYOND A SHADOW OF A DOUBT THAT J. EDGAR HOOVER AND HIS MEN FORM THE MOST EFFECTIVE SECRET SERVICE ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD. G MEN ARE BATTING ALMOST A THOUSAND . THE COUNTRY OWES A VOTE OF THANKS TO J. EDGAR HOOVER - WHO PROBABLY WOULD REPLY WITH SOMETHING LIKE THIS;

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THAT'S SWELL-- BUT I'D LIKE TO SEE EVERY CITIZEN IN THE UNITED STATES
A G MAN . BY A STRANGE COINCIDENCE TODAY'S TELLING BLOWS WERE JUST
AT THE MOMENT THE SENATE WAS PUTTING ITS STAMP OF APPROVAL ON J. EDGAR
HOOVER AND CO., BY BOOSTING THE DEPARTMENT'S REVENUE BY ONE MILLION
DOLLARS FOR THE COMING YEAR . WITH THIS MONEY HOOVER EXPECTS TO
INCREASE HIS FORCE OF SPECIAL AGENTS AND EQUIP THE ENTIRE FORCE WITH
MODERN WEAPONS . UNLESS THE HEAD G MAN LABELS YOUNG ROBINSON PUBLIC
ENEMY NO. 1--- THE COUNTRY TONIGHT IS WITHOUT A PUBLIC ENEMY . HOOVER ,
HOWEVER , WOULD OBJECT TO THIS . HE HAS REPEATEDLY SAID THE REAL PUBLIC
ENEMY IS THE CORRUPT POLITICIAN-- THE ONE WHO ACCEPTS BRIBES-- BLINKS
AT FACTS-- AND IN GENERAL CONSPIRES WITH THE UNDERWORLD . WHILE SUCH A
MAN CALLS HIMSELF THE FRIEND OF THE PEOPLE-- HE IS IN REALITY AN ENEMY OF
THE PEOPLE . THE HEAD G MAN BECOMES PURPLE WITH ANGER WHEN HE GETS ON
THIS SUBJECT-- FOR HERE IS SOMETHING BEYOND HIS DOMAIN-- SOMETHING ON
WHICH HE CAN'T BITE HIS WATCHDOGS . PERHAPS HE WOULD RECOMMEND A PARALLEL
DEPARTMENT ^{to} ~~of~~ HIS OWN-- ONE WHICH CHECKED UP ON THE DOINGS OF POLITICIANS
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY .

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May 23, 1936

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Mr. Paul Sullivan,
News Commentator,
Radio Station W L W,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Mr. E. J. Connelley, Special Agent in Charge of the Cincinnati office of this Bureau, has just forwarded to me a transcript of your radio broadcast over Station W L W on May 7, 1936.

I want you to know how deeply grateful I am for the commendatory statements which you so generously made concerning the accomplishments of this Bureau. It is most encouraging to us in the Bureau to receive such an expression of confidence. I sincerely hope that our endeavors to gain an improvement in the crime situation will continue to merit your approbation.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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

May 12, 1936

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I wish to extend to you my heartiest congratulations for the splendid work you and your Special Agents have achieved since the beginning of this month in capturing American's most dangerous criminals. Only in this morning's paper did I read an account of the capture of the Stoll kidnapper, Thomas Robinson. When Senator McKellar objects to your request for appropriations, he should take a look at a few statistics concerning your record. In comparison with Scotland Yard's 12,000 odd, your 500 odd seems to be doing splendid anti-crime work.

On January 27 I wrote to the two organizations you mentioned in your communication of January 20, February 21 I received a sample copy of the "National Police Officer", however I have never received any communication from the Kan. State Peace Officers' Assn. If you could give me the exact address of this organization, I would be very much obliged.

Enclosed find a small picture of a machine gun (?). If you could kindly inform me of the manufacture of this gun (ie Manufacturer, Calibre, etc.), it would be greatly appreciated. I extracted it from a copy of "Fortune" and the photographers (?) Woods-McClure. Please return it.

Kindly forward to me a copy of your publication "The Selection and Training of Personnel" and any other publications of literature upon this subject. If you would also kindly send me any addresses or speeches made by yourself, or Mr. W. H. Drane Lester, of whose presence I had the pleasure of hearing & seeing some time ago, I would be much obliged. Other literature would be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you very much for your literature and interesting and educational booklets, I remain

Sincerely yours,

John K. Major,
6105 High Drive,
Kansas City, Mo.

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Thomas Robinson's Commemoration

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Mr. John K. Major,
6105 High Drive,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Major:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 12, 1936, in which you extend your congratulations upon the recent apprehension of several outstanding fugitives. I want you to know that I deeply appreciate your thought in writing me in this connection.

I note you would like to be advised as to the correct address of the Kansas State Peace Officers Association. I regret that this information is not available; however, it is suggested that you communicate with Mr. Carl W. Grier of Pratt, Kansas, who, the Bureau's files reflect, is the editor of the Kansas State Peace Officers publication.

The machine gun shown in the photograph enclosed with your letter is a Thompson Sub-Machine Gun. This gun was developed during the World War, for use in the trenches, and fires the .45 calibre automatic pistol cartridge which is the same as that used by the Government .45 calibre Service Gun.

It gives me great pleasure, in accordance with your request, to enclose a copy of the publication entitled "The Selection and Training of Personnel," together with the following additional pamphlets which I hope you will enjoy reading:

The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Address delivered by Mr. W. H. Drane
Lester, Inspector, Federal Bureau
of Investigation before the Seventy-
Second Annual Session of the Chicago
Dental Society on February 17, 1936
Addresses delivered by the Director of
the Federal Bureau of Investigation
before the Daughters of the American
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Mr. John K. Major

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How to Take Fingerprints
Uniform Crime Reports, Volume VII,
Number 1
Scientific Methods of Crime
Detection in the Judicial Process

I am returning herewith the picture of the Thompson Sub-
Machine Gun referred to above.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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After reading that most interesting and inspiring book "Ten Thousand Public Enemies" and hearing of the capture, during the last few days, of several of the most desperate and dangerous of these men, I feel that my enthusiasm for the magnificent work done by you and your associates in the Dept. of Justice can only be expressed by a letter of appreciation. It is especially the work done in the capture of kidnapers that has inspired the grateful admiration of all the decent and responsible citizens of the country.

In striking at the home and menacing the children they have struck at the very heart of the nation.

The horror of that most vile and cowardly of all crimes has been a nightmare to every parent.

I have two young grandchildren, and, for their greatly increased safety, thanks to the splendid and courageous work of you and your helpers, I wish to express my most heartfelt thanks and gratitude.

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I most sincerely and earnestly beg that you will not ^{SECRET} ever
acknowledge this letter. I would not have MAY 18 1936 had I
thought you would, as your time and energy are too priceless to
the whole nation to expend any of them in such a way. FILE

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Millions of parents, though perhaps inarticulate, feel as I do.
May the power of our gratitude stand as a wall of protection
around you and your brave men in your splendid but dangerous
work.

Yours truly

Catherine Gardner Mayes



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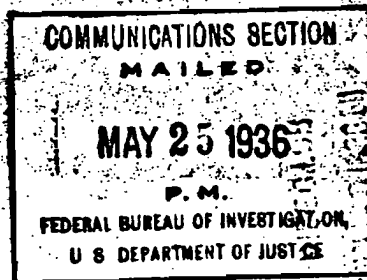
I thought you might be interested
in reading the attached copy of a letter,
dated May 12, 1936, which I have received
from Mrs. W. M. Hayes of Ojai, California.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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May 15, 1936.

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

The Nation owes you a debt of gratitude for the wonderful work which you and your Bureau have accomplished and I trust I may be one of thousands to extend it to you. If they don't, you may rest assured that they appreciate the work you and your staff have done in cleaning up the "rats", as you term them, and putting the fear of God into those who would have become so but for your efforts.

Respectfully and appreciatively yours,

Edwin W. Lee.

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May 22, 1936.

Mr. Edwin W. Lee,
Attorney and Counsellor at Law,
1937-39 Boatmen's Bank Building,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Lee:

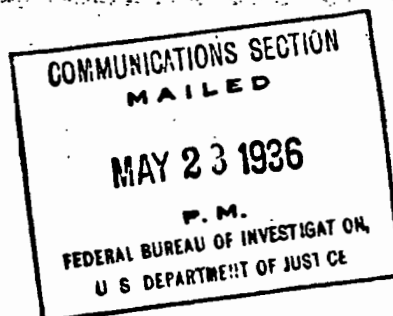
I have received your letter, dated May 15, 1936, and want you to know how grateful I am for the commendatory statements which you so generously make concerning the accomplishments of this Bureau and my administration of it. The confidence, which many of our citizens display in the activities of the FBI, is a source of great encouragement. I sincerely hope our endeavors to attain an improvement in the crime situation will continue to merit your approbation and that of all good citizens.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
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May 14
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J. Edgar Hoover, Esq.,
Bureau of Investigations
Department of Justice, Washington D. C.,

My dear Mr. Hoover:-

The record of your department in the past week or two has been magnificent. It has stirred the country with admiration. The culmination of months of intelligent hard work, free from political spoilsmanship, it is a tribute to your splendid courage. The country has need of more such men in its service.

Thank you for noticing the words of one small paper out here in a state that is giving your men more work and subjecting them to added dangers. The editorial in question is the work of my associate, Miss Amy Comstock. She says to say thank you for her personally. Which I herewith do.

Yours is one department all true Americans and good citizens can thrill to. And we do. you.

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Sincerely yours,

Richard Lloyd Jones

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Mr. Richard Lloyd Jones,
Associate Editor,
Tulsa Tribune,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Jones:

I have received your letter dated
May 16 and want to express my thanks for your
gracious statements concerning the record of
this Bureau.

I am most appreciative of the friend-
ship which the Tulsa Tribune has displayed toward
our work and I hope our endeavors in law enforce-
ment will continue to merit your approval.

It was kind of Miss Amy Comstock to
send her regards to me through you. I hope
she knows that I sincerely appreciate her
editorial praise.

With best wishes and kind regards,
I am

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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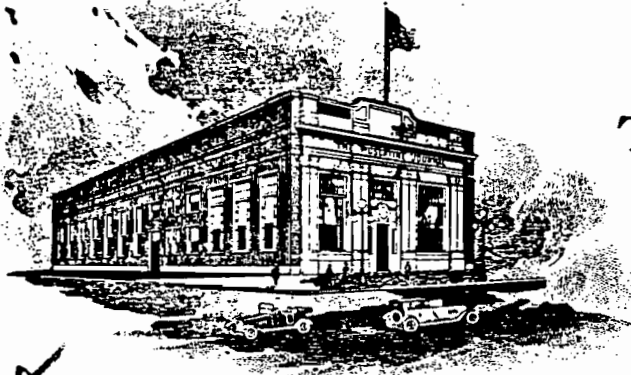
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Mr. J. E. Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Believing you would like to know how we feel in regard to the crime situation in the United States at large, I am taking the liberty of enclosing a couple of our editorials. On the strength of your last letter it is just possible we may use portions of your speeches from time to time so our readers may be better informed as to the type of work your department is doing.

I certainly want to congratulate you on your recent captures and hope you have further good luck in cleaning up the whole situation.

Very sincerely yours,

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ANOTHER GANGSTER SETBACK

With the capture in New Orleans the other day of Alvin Karpis, erstwhile No. 1 bad man on the list of the federal bureau of investigation, Uncle Sam's G-men have once more demonstrated the relentlessness with which they pursue their hunt for these characters whose actions make them fit subjects for the bureau's action.

It's been nearly three years now since the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., at St. Paul, one of the crimes in which Karpis is accused of having had a hand. Meantime the search has continued with other crimes since in which Karpis is suspected of being implicated adding to the intensity of the chase.

Karpis has had the laugh on his pursuers at least once during the chase when he evaded a trap set for him by shooting his way out of an Atlantic City hotel. But now, it appears, the last laugh is on the side of law and order.

Just as the federal agents, through their relentless pursuit, finally crushed the Dillinger group of gangsters, so it appears, they have put an appreciable crimp in the Barker-Karpis gang.

That it's bound to be a losing game which Karpis and his type play is indicated by the score as it stands thus far in the Hamm kidnaping case.

Of the participants in that case, Karpis' arrest brings to four the total now in custody and facing charges. Three others have already been sent to the penitentiary and two met death while evading arrest. Of the notorious Barkers, Arthur is in Alcatraz, the "escape proof" prison; Fred Barker and "Ma" Barker are dead.

Attempts at plastic surgery, by which he sought to alter his appearance and disfigure his fingerprints availed Karpis nothing. As did his companions before him, he fell into the net spread for him, as he must have known he must eventually.

It's significant too, that his boastfulness was missing — his attitude of superiority to the long arm of the law missing — his ego deflated when the federal agents swooped down upon him.

It is likewise significant, in view of some

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recent questions fired at J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation that the capture of Karpis was accomplished without a shot being fired. It will be recalled that there was some recent sniping at the bureau chief back in Washington not so long ago, because of the fact that occasionally some fatalities result when federal agents close in on men they seek. Mr. Hoover noted then that the agents, while armed, are instructed to fire only in self-defense. He seems to have proved the truth of his statements in New Orleans.

Coming on the heels of the arrests only a few weeks ago of three other suspects in the Hamm abduction, the taking of Karpis represents a distinct triumph for the law enforcement agencies of the land.

The fate of Karpis now rests with the courts. Whatever, it is, his career stands as another warning to kidnapers and the like that they "can't get away with it."

William Mahan, linked to the Weyerhaeuser abduction, now that Karpis is taken, moves to the No. 1 position among the nation's wanted men. It's a promotion of doubtful distinction and one which isn't calculated to bring increased peace of mind to Mahan. It will be the hope of many that the good work of the federal agents will continue to be fruitful that there may be similar promotions as the respective No. 1 badmen graduate into prison cells.

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WIPING OFF THE SLATE

Less than two weeks ago, the capture of Alvin Karpis by the federal department of justice agents in New Orleans was announced by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the department.

At that time it was here noted that the elimination of the No. 1 bad man of the nation from the list of such characters sought by the agents boded no great consolation for the other ranking characters upon the G-men's slate of wanted.

Subsequent developments have proved the correctness of that assumption in rather less time than was anticipated, even though announcements at the time were to the effect that the chase for some of the others was being pursued relentlessly and with fair chances of success.

Altogether the roundup during the past couple of weeks has been impressive—sufficient to convince even the most skeptical that the G-men bear a resemblance to Canada's widely famed Royal Northwest Mounted police force when it comes to getting their man.

The ink was hardly dry upon the papers which carried the word of Karpis' arrest before Harry Campbell, Karpis gang associate, had been taken in another bloodless raid, led by Mr. Hoover.

Within a few days came the capture of William Mahan, last remaining fugitive of a gang involved in a west coast kidnaping. Then, just by way of proving that all this was no stroke of luck, Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., the last remaining major kidnaper still at large, was taken.

The events which followed the capture of these offenders have likewise been encouraging.

Karpis awaits arraignment at St. Paul, with assurance given by authorities that they have built up an air-tight case around him.

Campbell, upon a plea of guilty, has drawn a sentence of life imprisonment. Mahan, who likewise admitted his guilt, has been sent to prison for 60 years. The penalties meted out to these two seem sufficient to insure that society will be safe from their depredations for years to come.

Robinson, it's related, has admitted his

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guilt in the brutal abduction of a Louisville society woman for which he was hunted. Under the circumstances it appears probable that when the courts have finished with him, society will also be freed, for a considerable period, if not forever, from any further worry on his account.

It all goes to show that the way of the transgressor is hard—doubly so when the transgression is sufficient to cause the federal department of justice to take up the chase.

Four smashing blows have been dealt to the kidnaping racket. The slate, as far as major offenders is concerned, has been wiped clean.

There still remain those minor characters who, by their conniving and assistance, have enabled the four now in custody or under sentence, to evade arrest for as long as they did. The record thus far indicates that they might be in for some troublesome times before long.

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Mr. C. R. Rabedeaux,
Publisher,
The Muscatine Journal,
Muscatine, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Rabedeaux:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated May 15, 1936, with which you enclosed a copy of the editorial entitled "Another Gangster Setback," which appeared in the May 4, 1936, issue of The Muscatine Journal and News Tribune, and the editorial entitled "Wiping Off the Slate," from the May 15, 1936, issue of your paper.

I have read these articles with the greatest of interest and want to sincerely thank you for your commendatory statements concerning the accomplishments of this Bureau.

It is sincerely hoped that our recent success in apprehending some of the major criminals will act as a deterrent to those contemplating extensive criminal careers. I trust that our future endeavors in law enforcement will continue to merit your confidence.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Thursday, May 14
320 North G
Monmouth, Illinois

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Head F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I'm writing this because I believe that a meger line from one of us who should appreciate what you've been doing may mean much in your future campaign against crime.

Kate Smith--in yesterday's broadcast--reminded that, after all, you are doing these noble things for us whom you've never seen or even heard of. The very least we might do in return is this; this message to let you know that we are interestedly watching. Sincerely appreciating the additional security of life and home that each new coup brings to us.

I'm aware that you've spent at least twelve good years as the Bureau's chief. Probably more years in a lesser capacity. You may, or may not, have heard this assurance from another nonentity like myself; believe this. We are not shallow in our scrutiny! The ungrateful and childlike rebuke you received from a congressman in the appropriations contest recently is regrettable. Thankfully, it was individual in source.

I hope that you may be fated to lead the F.B.I. in unchanging manner for many more years.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Raymond Flanagan,
320 North O,
Monmouth, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Flanagan:

I have received your letter, dated May 14, 1936, and want to express my sincerest appreciation for the commendatory statements which you so generously make concerning the accomplishments of this Bureau and my administration of it. Such an expression of approval is very encouraging and I hope that this Bureau's endeavors in law enforcement will continue to merit your confidence.

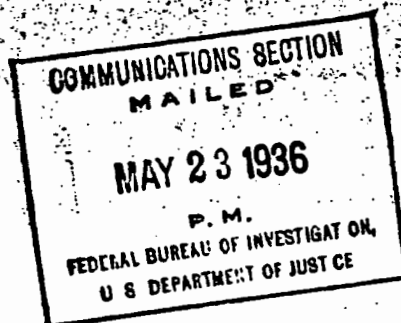
With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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137 East Chestnut Street
East Rochester, New York
May 13, 1936

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

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My Dear Sir:

Congratulations!

Mr. Hoover and all the men who assisted you in the capture of Alvin Karpis, the notorious desperado.

It is glorious to contemplate that - American Peril and Danger - Crime will become less prevalent for posterity through the diligent and efficient work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

At a regular monthly meeting of the Pittsford Mens Republican Club on May 4, 1936, Mr. John Doyle, of Doyle Detective Bureau gave an interesting talk on the work of a Detective, and extolled the efficiency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The sharp and penetrating narration of incidents in which he emphatically pointed out were enough to perceive the fact that "Crime Doesn't Pay."

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Mr. Doyle, expressed his close friendship with you. He acquainted the members of your eminent abilities as director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and conveyed a picture which aroused strong interest to visit the Department of Justice. He has a keen mind, clear, vigorous and alert. His genial wit and willingness to serve should encourage you, Mr. Hoover, for his successful endeavor to obliterate Crime and make America, a bigger and better country to live in.

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A warm praise of gratitude conveyed to
Mr. Doyle by you, will be most sincerely and
gratefully appreciated.

Very truly yours,
Anthony N. Levato

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Mr. Anthony N. Levato,
137 East Chestnut Street,
East Rochester, New York.

Dear Mr. Levato:

I have received your letter dated May 13, 1936, and want to express my sincere appreciation for your generous commendatory statements concerning the accomplishments of this Bureau.

It was very thoughtful of you to call my attention to the many gracious comments made by Mr. John Doyle, of the Doyle Detective Bureau, on the occasion of his addressing the Pittsford Men's Republican Club on May 4. I sincerely appreciate his commendation.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Virginia Minn
 May 5/36
 Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.
 Washington D.C.
 Dear Sir:-

We just want to tell you
 that we want you to know what
 a wonderful man you have shown
 yourself by making our Country safe
 to live in again by taking all these
 gangsters who have terrorized our people.
 More power to you & thanks. Mrs. M. M. ...
 Mrs. Howard ...

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May 23, 1936.

Mrs. Mary E. Morris,
Virginia, Minnesota.

Dear Mrs. Morris:

I have received the postal card dated May 15, signed by Mrs. Howard Stolts and you in which you commend the work of this Bureau and my administration of it.

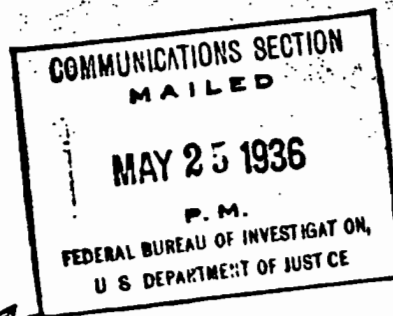
It was most thoughtful of you to write me in this manner and I want you to know that such an expression of confidence is a great source of encouragement.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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May 23, 1936.

Mrs. Howard Stoltz,
Virginia, Minnesota.

Dear Mrs. Stoltz:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of the postal card dated May 15, signed by Mrs. Mary E. Morris and you in which you so graciously commend my administration of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Such an expression of confidence is indeed encouraging and I hope that this Bureau's accomplishments will continue to merit your approval.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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MRS. ELMER HORACE WHITTAKER
STATE REGENT
124 EAST ARRELLAGA STREET
SANTA BARBARA

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May 12-1936

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

I appreciate receiving the copy
of your address given before
my Society. I had the experience
of visiting your department before
I left Washington and
was very much interested.

I am grateful
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Members of your force in
the recent arrest of Mahan
and Karpis.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. E.H.)

Barbara J. Whittaker

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June 1, 1936.

Mrs. E. H. Whittaker,
State Regent,
Daughters of the American
Revolution,
124 East Arrellaga Street,
Santa Barbara, California.

Dear Mrs. Whittaker:

I want to thank you for your letter dated May 12, 1936, and for the congratulations extended to the employees of this Bureau and me for the recent arrests of major criminals.

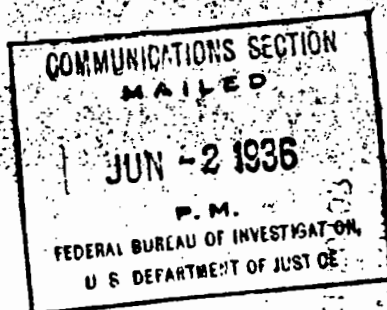
I am pleased that you had an opportunity to make a tour of the facilities of our Bureau during your visit in Washington, and that you found the experience interesting.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Chaplain's Office
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Navy Yard,
Puget Sound,
Bremerton, Washington
12 May, 1936.

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,
Chief of the Bureau of Federal Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Honorable Sir:

I have a deep admiration for you and your agents .

The successful work you have accomplished in capturing the Nation's foremost criminals in record time is a tribute to the courage and resourcefulness of you and the agents of the Bureau.

I have met some of your agents and note that you distribute descriptive and instructive pamphlets to them.

It is my desire to learn more of the interesting work performed by your Bureau.

Will you kindly mail me at your earliest convenience pamphlets and booklets available for distribution?

Sincerely,

M. A. Hally
(Rev.) M. A. HALLY,
Chaplain,
United States Navy.

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May 22, 1936.

Reverend M. A. Hally,
Chaplain, United States Navy,
U. S. S. New York,
Navy Yard, Puget Sound,
Bremerton, Washington.

Dear Reverend Hally:

I have received your letter of May 12, 1936, and want to express my sincere appreciation for your commendatory statements concerning the accomplishments and personnel of this Bureau.

I am very glad to learn of your interest in our work and am pleased to enclose the following publications in accordance with your request:

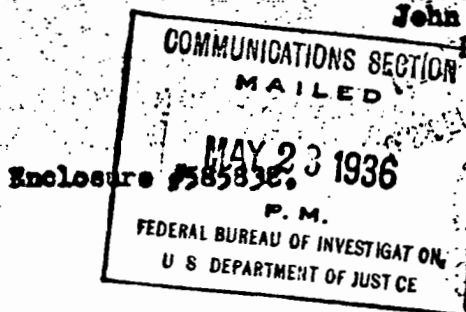
Addresses delivered by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation before the Round Table Forum, under the auspices of the New York Herald-Tribune, on March 11, 1936, and before the annual convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution on April 23, 1936

The Federal Bureau of Investigation
The Selection and Training of Personnel

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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May 12, 1936,
124 West Colden Avenue,
Los Angeles, California.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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Congratulations for the recent wonderful results of
your good work.

Sincerely yours,

Cornelius Brauckman.

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Cornelius Brauckman,
124 West Colden Avenue,
Los Angeles, California.

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May 14, 1936

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Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt
President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

I feel like it is a great imposition for any more people to write you a letter and ask you to do anything else for I am sure your requests are so numerous, however, there is one thing that as just a plain citizen I have felt should have some special attention and that is the grand work of Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.

If he were in England he, no doubt, would have been knighted and he would have been Sir Edgar. They talk continually of Scotland Yard, yet I do not believe there is a man in the employ of Scotland Yard who has done more wonderful work than our Mr. Hoover.

My parents were English people and I have an Aunt in England who wrote me at the time of the Lindbergh kidnapping that until the kidnappers of the Lindbergh Baby were brought to justice American citizens would have a lot of explaining to do and, of course, it is with pride that I have written her about Mr. Hoover's accomplishments.

I feel he is as much entitled to the Congressional Medal as any soldier for certainly these "rats" would have killed him if they could.

If this is presumptuous, please forgive me but knowing how fair you are, I feel perhaps you have already thought of this but in order for you to know the citizens are backing you up, I am writing you this letter.

Yours truly,

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

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Mr. Cornelius Brauckman,
124 West Cadden Avenue,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Brauckman:

I have received your letter dated May 12, and want you to know how grateful I am for the commendatory statements which you so graciously make concerning the accomplishments of this Bureau and my administration of it. It is very encouraging to receive such expressions of approval.

I have read the clipping which you enclosed with a great deal of interest and want to thank you for bringing it to my attention.

Your plan to stop the theft of automobiles has been carefully noted and will be given prompt consideration. It was very kind of you to make these suggestions.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
May 16, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith an article
appearing in the Oklahoma City Times, Oklahoma City,
Thursday, May 14, 1936, in the "All Over Oklahoma"
column, in which I thought you would be interested.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THE OKLAHOMA CITY TIMES
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
May 14, 1936

All Over Oklahoma

J. Edgar Hoover and his army of G-men are to be congratulated on their fine work in rounding up the last member of the Karpis gang of kidnapers, says the Geminole Evening Reporter. In referring to one Sam Coker, Hoover alluded to him as "one of the dear parole boys from McAlester state penitentiary." We rather think that statement of Mr. Hoover has a deeper meaning than most of us at first imagine. Hoover evidently is of the opinion the paroling of these bad boys is not a wholesome practice, the paper decides.

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Mr. J. Karl Hearts,
Hingham, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Hearts:

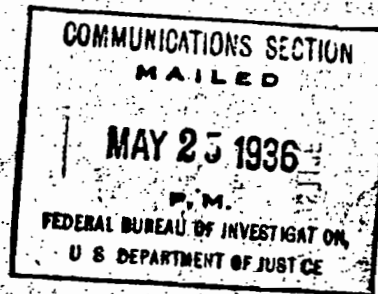
I have received your letter, dated May 14, 1936, and want to sincerely thank you for the commendatory statements which you so graciously make concerning the personnel and accomplishments of this Bureau. I trust that our activities will continue to merit your confidence and approval.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
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MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

CLIPPING FROM THE MEMPHIS PRESS-SCIMITAR,

MAY 15th., 1936.

*Probably from Inspector
W.T. Griffin and if so
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him. 20115-24*

We are for you and what you stand for one hundred percent.
I see that our "mutual friend" Zioncheck is throwing cocoa-
nuts for pastime, which is in keeping with his mentality.
His constituents should be very proud of him.

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Zioncheck Quits Puerto Rico After Barrage of Cocoanuts

By The Associated Press

SAN JUAN, P. R., May 13.—The brief honeymoon stay of Representative Marion Zioncheck on this island—marred by an automobile accident, a threatened duel and a patriotic demonstration—ended late today as he and his bride left in a marine plane for St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Employees at the hotel where he stayed said he kept guests awake most of last night by tossing coconuts into a garden where late dancers and diners were gathered.

Before the congressman boarded

the plane he sent a message to President Roosevelt in Washington giving his views on the Puerto Rican situation. In answer, he received this reply from Presidential Secretary Marwin H. McIntyre:

"Impossible even to consider your request. Governor (Blanton) Winship at San Juan is the sole and competent authority to carry out this government's policy in Puerto Rico."

Zioncheck did not disclose what his request to the White House had been.

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CLIPPING FROM THE MEMPHIS PRESS-SCIMITAR,

MAY 15th., 1936.

The 'G' Way for Lynchers

J. Edgar Hoover's G-Men are entitled to all the credit they are getting. And they are getting it in full measure. For, when results are forthcoming, the public is not niggardly with its appreciation.

With the arrest and confession of that elusive female impersonator, Thomas H. Robinson Jr., the G-Men have completed the round-up of kidnapers. For the first time since passage of the Lindbergh Law, which made kidnaping for ransom a federal offense, there are no known or alleged kidnapers at large.

Here is the record of four years of intense and intelligent activity of the G-Men: 63 kidnaping cases cleared up; 146 convictions; 20 more prisoners in custody awaiting trial; prison sentences totaling 2028 years; 29 life sentences; 4 death sentences.

Of course it is possible that the slate which is clean today may not look so good next week. New bands of kidnapers may spring up. A new wave of kidnaping may sweep the country, striking terror into the hearts of parents. That may happen, but we don't expect it. We don't, because Mr. Hoover's G-Men have put terror in the reverse; they have brought into the picture that most effective of all crime deterrents—fear of certain punishment.

All we have said here concerns the crime of kidnaping for ransom—a crime with which state and local police proved themselves utterly incapable to cope. So Congress made it a federal crime. The record is proof of the effectiveness of federal police action—of the superiority of an intelligently directed and mobile force of law enforcers, unhampered by state lines, unhindered by local political influences.

Kidnaping for ransom became a federal crime because of the default of local enforcement. There are other crimes which local law officers apparently are unable or unwilling to curtail.

One, in particular, is the crime of lynching.

There hasn't been a new case of kidnaping for months. Why? Because of that fear of certain punishment.

But there have been at least a half dozen cases of mob murder in recent weeks. Why? Because of confidence that punishment would not result.

We urge again that the Wagner-Costigan anti-lynching bill be enacted so that a few of Mr. Hoover's G-Men may be sent into the states to instill anew the respect for the right of trial by jury.

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This Editorial is not just a scrap of paper. Dashed with it is a Inscription printed in the minds and hearts of every loyal law abiding citizens living under the Stars and Stripes.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover you and your Organization will have left one of the greatest Monuments of all times in this great Country of ours by making it safe for us to live in now that you have cleaned up the worst. I sincerely hope you can take with your Organization a pleasant vacation for a change.

Yours truly
Charles Sparks

Comm. dist. in
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The Gangster "Doesn't Live Here Anymore"

FIVE years ago it appeared as if gangland and the racketeers had taken the nation. Several major cities were in complete control of the gangsters and the only serious threat to any gangster group was that offered by some rival group. Kidnapping ran rampant; hijacking was the fashion; racketeers collected "protection" money without any pretense of secrecy; and "being taken for a ride" was an everyday news story. The nation was twice treated to the spectacle of a gangster king's funeral that equalled the last rites of a nobleman. If peace officials became too inquisitive they were "bumped off"; if newspapers became too emphatic, a bomb or two through the windows was the consequence. Five years ago gangland was running wild.

Then a young fellow named J. Edgar Hoover was sent in to head the Department of Justice. Gangland scoffed at him; some openly challenged him to meet them face to face. The country demanded an organization the equal of Scotland Yard of England or the Mounted Police of Canada. But the young head of the Department of Justice went quietly to work organizing his force. Today no detective force in the world can equal it. No similar organization anywhere has made the record that J. Edgar Hoover's men have created in so short a time.

Today not a gangster of reputation is alive or living outside prison walls. During the last five years every boasting racketeer and gangland chief has turned yellow; has turned and run like a hunted animal until cornered somewhere by Hoover's men. The list of names would fill this column—but Mahan, Karpis and Campbell, complete the roster. The old spirit of bravado has disappeared; Karpis trembled like a coward when Hoover stood face to face with this murderer. No mercy was shown; those who made the slightest suspicious move—like Baby Face Nelson, Dillinger and others, were mercilessly mowed down.

No longer is America the gangster's paradise; no longer are its citizens intimidated by them.

Once again Americans have their self-respect and "law and order" is not an idle phrase.

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Mr. Charles Sparks,
Sparks Auto Camp,
Vallejo, California.

Dear Mr. Sparks:

I have received your letter of May 13, 1936, addressed to the Department of Justice, with which you inclosed a copy of an editorial entitled "The Gangster 'Doesn't Live Here Anymore'." I have read this editorial with the greatest of interest and want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in bringing it to my attention. *may 5*

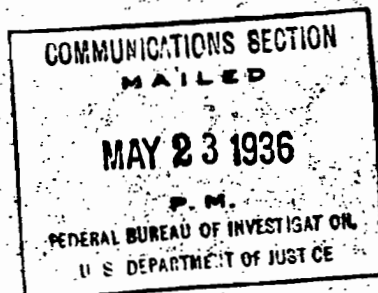
Permit me also to express my sincere appreciation for your commendatory statements concerning the activities of this Bureau. I trust that our endeavors in law enforcement will continue to merit your approbation.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

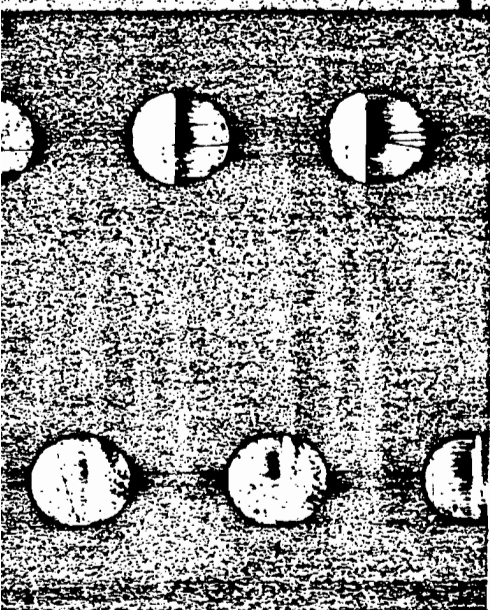
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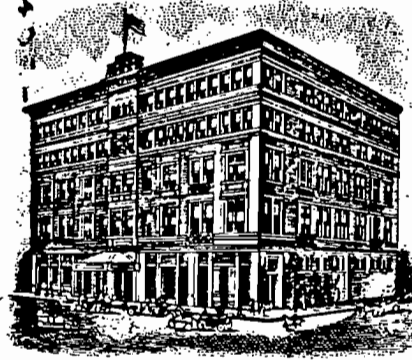
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laws of City. Keep up good work
lets make America "America"

100%. I recommend your salary to be raised to 2500.00

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John W. Edwards
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Yours truly
J. R. Rutherford
Manager, King's Hotel
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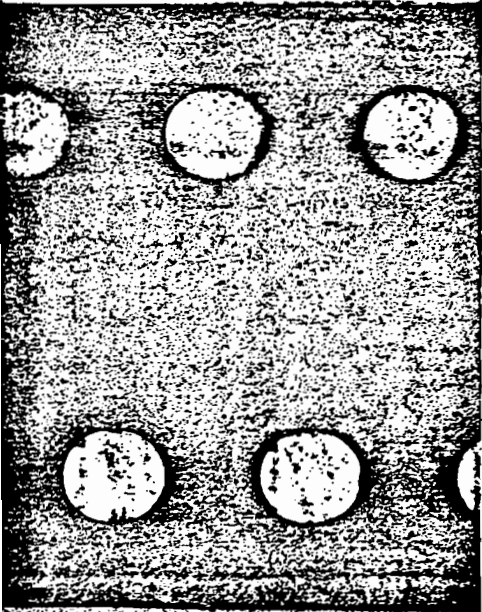
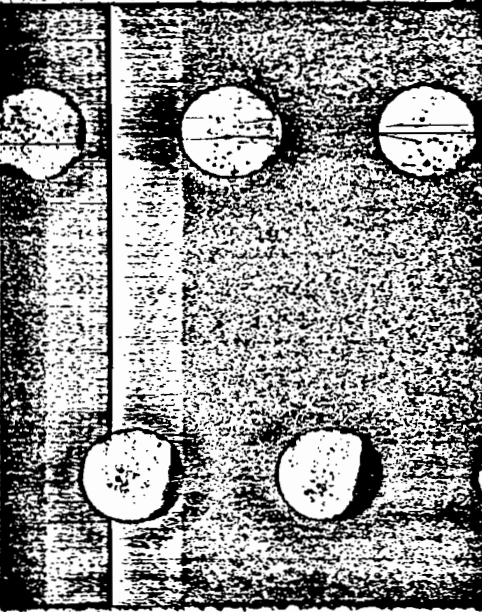
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Mr. J. A. Rutherford,
Manager,
Kingstone Apartments,
814 La Branch Street,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Mr. Rutherford:

I have received your letter dated May 12,
and want you to know how grateful I am for your
commendatory statements concerning the work of
this Bureau and my administration of it.

It is indeed encouraging to receive such
expressions of approval and I hope our endeavors
in law enforcement will continue to merit your
approbation.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Mr. Hoover:

Wish to commend
you and the men of your
department, for the capture
of "wanted" criminals.

The capture of those "rats",
without the loss of life
which used to occur, proves
that your men are ready,
and properly equipped.

I have spoken to many
citizens, concerning the
efficiency of the department
and all are well satisfied.
I am a Veteran of the
Spanish-American and the

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World War also a property owner; so I take an interest in the Government and country. I am going to write to some Congressmen whom I know to help pass the bill when it comes to the floor giving a pension to the Agents of your department on retiring from the service.

Sincerely yours

Walter C. Clark.
738 S. Fickett St.
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Mr. Walter C. Clark,
738 South Fickett Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Clark:

I have received your letter of May 12, 1936, and want to express my sincere appreciation for the commendatory statements which you make concerning the recent success of this Bureau in apprehending some of the major criminals.

It is certainly encouraging to learn that so many of our citizens from all parts of the country feel that our endeavors in law enforcement are so worth while.

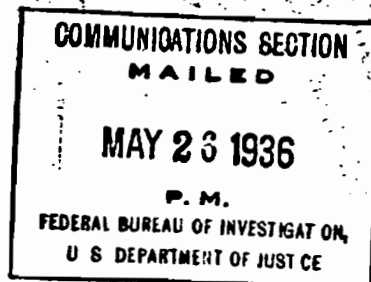
I am particularly appreciative of your offer to support security legislation for the Special Agents of this Bureau. They spend long hours at arduous and hazardous tasks and it seems only just that they should receive pension and other retirement benefits at least comparable with those received by many other employees of the government.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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W.C. Clark
per

274 Beach 138 Street,
Rockaway Beach, N.Y.

May 17, 1936

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Bureau of Investigation,
Dept. of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

After reading in the newspapers about the recent capture of Alvin Karpis and his associates, I could not help but admire the splendid work and courage of your so-called "F. B. I." men.

Even though the United States has the highest criminal average in the world, your men have succeeded in holding back

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the crime wave so well
that they deserve the
respect and admiration
of the entire country.

So to you, as the
head of this brave army,
I send my heartiest
congratulations for your
splendid leadership, and
hopes for your continued
success.

Sincerely yours,
Sanford Schulteis

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Mr. Sanford Schulthers,
274 Beach 138th Street,
Rockaway Beach, New York.

Dear Mr. Schulthers:

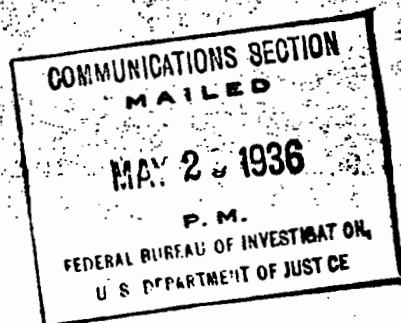
I have received your letter, dated May 17, 1936, in which you commend the personnel of this Bureau. I want you to know how sincerely I appreciate your gracious statements, and I trust that our work will continue to merit your approval.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
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May 11, 1936.

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Mr. William J. Paul,
Editor,
Community News,
Marshantville, New Jersey.

Dear Mr. Paul:

The editorial entitled "When Grecks
Overlooked Bond," which was published in the
Community News on April 23, 1936, has come to
my attention.

Your reference to the success of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation in solving
kidnapings is appreciated by me and I am certain
that editorial comments such as yours, pointing
out that the law has the advantage, will do a
great deal towards effecting a better law enforcement.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Gazing upon the envelope, I wondered if I had sub-consciously aided some malefactor or unintentionally evaded some demand in my income returns; but upon finding your letter, I forgot my relief in the enjoyment of having written something worthy of acknowledgment from so prominent a source. The weekly editor is among the "prophets without honor", and this one greatly appreciates occasional recognition.

Of course I am inclined to mention your letter in our paper, but if you consider this unethical, please state that feeling. May I wish you continued success in your great work?

Cordially yours,

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William J. Paul, editor
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Editorial Wins Approval Of Hoover, Chief of G-Men

There is something ominous in the appearance of a stampless envelope bearing the inscription in the left, upper corner, "Department of Justice." It was the first one from that federal department that had ever come to this newspaper office. The envelope was turned over, weighed and studied, like that of a rare telegram reaching an old-fashioned woman at an old-fashioned farm.

There were such flashing mental queries as, "Now what have we done—were some of those 'cracks' at the New Deal a little too harsh? Well (sigh) we'll see."

Doubt and apprehension changed to the emotion of pleasure. It wasn't a warning or an order to appear at a hearing, or even a request for some information of possible value to the G-men. It was just a nice, friendly letter from the Big Boss of the G-Men. Here it is:

Mr. William J. Paul
Editor,
Community News,

Merchantville, N. J.

Dear Mr. Paul:

The editorial entitled "When Crooks Overlooked Sound," which was published in the Community News on April 23, 1936, has come to my attention.

Your reference to the success of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in solving kidnappings is appreciated by me, and I am certain that editorial comments such as yours, pointing out that the law has the advantage, will do a great deal towards effecting a better law enforcement.

With best wishes and kind regards,
I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover.

The editorial discussed the mental record kept by a blind-folded captive of kidnapers, and how the Department of Justice searched for the place where such sounds could have been made; locating the "prison" used by the kidnapers, proving the criminal mind never can devise a perfect crime.

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Mr. William J. Paul,
Editor,
The Community News,
3459 Norwood Avenue,
Merchantville, New Jersey.

Dear Mr. Paul:

I have received your letter of May 15,
1936, and wish to advise that I shall be pleased
to have you publish my previous letter to you if
you desire.

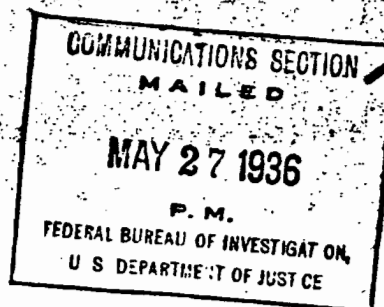
I want to thank you for the friendly
spirit toward this Bureau which you have displayed.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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TOM WALLACE, EDITOR

May 14th, 1936.

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

It was a pleasure to receive your letter of
April 30th on the morning of the news of the arrest of Robinson.

I shall be very glad to receive "Uniform
Crime Reports", and other publications, from the Bureau which
might be of use to me as an editorial writer.

I was very much interested in your address
to the American Society of Newspaper Editors and you will see a
result of it in a paragraph of the enclosed editorial which I
published Tuesday morning.

Sincerely,

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May 11, 1936.

Mr. Ray V. Howard,
Editor,
New York World-Telegram,
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Howard:

I have just read with a great deal of interest the editorial entitled "The Federal May," which appeared in the May 5, 1936, issue of the New York World-Telegram.

I want you to know how deeply appreciative I am of the commendatory statements concerning this Bureau's recent good fortune in capturing Alvin Karpis. Needless to say, I received a great deal of satisfaction from the subsequent capture of Harry Campbell and William Mahan, thus terminating long and intensive searches for these two men.

I am pleased to observe you agree with me that politics is Public Enemy Number 1. It is hoped that the day will come when political interferences with all law enforcement agencies will be removed. As the public becomes fully cognizant of the situation as it exists today, I believe that it will demand a divorce of politics from the field of law enforcement.

Your suggestion that Federal law should be amended to bring into Federal jurisdiction any man convicted anywhere of three major felonies who is fleeing across State lines to escape trial for a fourth has been particularly noted. I would like to call your attention to the statute passed on May 18, 1934, which makes it unlawful for any person to travel in interstate commerce with intent

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either to avoid prosecution for murder, kidnaping, burglary, robbery, mayhem, rape, assault with a dangerous weapon, extortion accompanied by threats of violence, or attempt to commit any of the foregoing under the laws of the place from which he flees, or to avoid giving testimony in any criminal proceedings in such place in which the commission of a felony is charged.

For your information, violations of this law come within the investigative jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and this law has been enforced to the fullest extent possible.

It is hoped that, with the termination of the above-mentioned cases and with the increase in our appropriation which Congress has so kindly granted, we can devote more time and effort to the enforcement of this statute relative to unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

Please be assured that I am deeply appreciative of the confidence which you editorially express in this Bureau.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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THE FEDERAL WAY.

THERE is another big lesson for the country in general and for State law enforcement in particular, we think, in the highly efficient, clean-cut, non-fumbling way J. Edgar Hoover and his federal G-men dealt with Alvin Karpis under the federal kidnaper law.

No games of tag with justice across State lines. No jurisdictional tangles. Nothing to halt the swift conveyance of Karpis from New Orleans to the custody of the federal authorities in St. Paul.

No \$1,000-a-day costs, as in the case of getting "Lucky" Luciano back from Hot Springs, Ark., to New York County.

No local clumsiness or unseemly publicity stunts, as when the late John Dillinger was photographed in the encircling arm of a smirking prosecuting attorney at the Crown Point, Ind., jail, from which the desperado shortly after escaped.

No nonsense of any sort.

When Mr. Hoover points to politicians and their hand-picked appointees as the bane of law enforcement, when he says, "Politics itself is Public Enemy No. 1," he obviously has in mind what too often happens in State criminal jurisdictions. There's sharp meaning and contrast in his statement:—

"Federal Department of Justice agents capture more than 5,000 persons annually charged with various federal violations. It is difficult to rate them. To us they are all 'rats.'"

Why not give the people of these United States even greater benefits from this cold, quick, non-political federal efficiency in dealing with criminals who become public enemies?

For example, why not extend federal law to bring into federal jurisdiction any man convicted anywhere of three major felonies who is fleeing across State lines to escape trial for a fourth?

That would be a speedier remedy than getting slow-moving States to adopt uniform extradition laws. Far speedier than cutting what Mr. Hoover describes as "the links of the underworld to politics and at times to law enforcement officials."

Few States at the present time can afford to despise federal aid and federal expertness of the kind shown in more captures than that of Karpis. Certainly not this State.

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May 11, 1936.

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Mr. C. M. Morrison,
Editor,
Philadelphia Evening Public Ledger,
Independence Square,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Morrison:

The editorial entitled "End of
the Trail" which appeared in the May 4, 1936,
issue of the Philadelphia Evening Public
Ledger has just come to my attention.

I want to thank you for the com-
mendatory statements concerning the Bureau
which you made relative to its recent good
fortune in apprehending Alvin Karpis. It
certainly is encouraging to observe the
generous praise which you frequently accord
our work.

With best wishes and kind regards,

I am

Sincerely yours,

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*Alvin Karpis
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END OF THE TRAIL

A COMFORTING characteristic of the Department of Justice, from the point of view of decent citizenship, is that it has a long memory and plenty of patience. Alvin Karpis was wanted and hunted for nearly three years before the Federal men found him in New Orleans.

This was the last but one of the kidnappers of 1933, when ten major crimes of this character aroused the Nation to realization of the underworld's arrogance and dangerous defiance of the law's authority. Thomas H. Robinson is still at large, but probably a nervous man.

The unsavory history of the man called "Public Enemy No. 1" shows how he earned his contemptible title. From little crimes he went to bigger ones, encouraged by paroles and suspended sentences and all kinds of police inefficiency and court leniency. The climax of his career was a kidnapping, the end of his trail is a prison and an "airtight" case which may keep him there a long time or send him to the chair for murder.

Karpis belonged in jail a long time ago, where he could not menace the peace and safety of society. He has been captured at last, and will probably be convicted by the untiring efforts of an organization which has no illusions about criminals. Most of them are dangerous, many of them are incurable. Their offenses can be checked by fear of capture and certainty of punishment. This is the theory of Mr. J. Edgar Hoover and his G-men, and its soundness is proved by the record.

*E. M. Morrison
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1704 N. Seigle St
 Charlotte, N.C.
 May 14 - 1936

Mr J Edgar Hoover,
 Bureau of Investigations
 Dept. of Justice
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

It is very interesting to note the splendid work that you and your F.B.I. Agents have done in the past week or so in cleaning up these United States of all the principal Kidnappers that was at large.

I am a firm believer of strict Law and order and think that you have measured up to all the requirements needed to enforce strict Law and order and in my opinion you deserve an unlimited term in the position that you now hold as Chief of the F.B.I.

As a finger print expert I extend to you my best wishes and most sincere to every kind of criminal

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 JUN 5 1936

Identification and Investigation Mediums.

I am a strong advocate of a national finger printing system, and I am also trying to get established in the County Police and Sheriff's office a bureau of Identification for Mecklenburg County and would like to ask if you have any small Booklets or any kind of Reading Matter pertaining to finger print identification that you could mail to the members of Mecklenburg County Commissioners, Charlotte, N.C. The names are as follow.

B. G. Hunter. Chairman of Board
Arnold W. Elshorn.

Arthur H. Wear.

H. W. Harkley.

R. F. Wynn.

I will greatly appreciate you sending them anything you might have in the way of Reading Matter pertaining to finger prints.

Thanking you very much. I am

Yours sincerely

W. L. Bridges

Finger Print Expert.

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May 20, 1936.

Mr. D. L. Bridges,
1704 N. Sligle Street,
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dear Mr. Bridges:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated May 14, 1936, in which you extend your congratulations upon the recent apprehension of several outstanding fugitives by this Bureau.

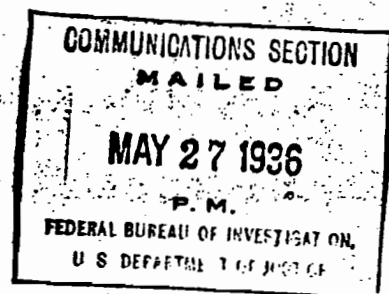
I want you to know that I deeply appreciate your thought in writing me and am gratified that this Bureau has your wholehearted support and confidence.

With regard to your request that I supply literature pertaining to fingerprint identification to the members of the Board of Mecklenburg County Commissioners, Charlotte, North Carolina, I am pleased to advise you that I am this day forwarding to Mr. B. J. Hunter, Mr. Arail D. Cashion, Mr. Arthur H. Sears, Mr. H. W. Barkley and Mr. R. F. Dunn publications dealing with this subject.

With best wishes and kind regards,
I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Bureau of investigation

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Dear Sir:

May I extend to you

and your department my most sincere con-
gratulations on the record of service you are
performing for our country. which at times is
against tremendous odds. Being an ex-convict
on an I am grateful to your good work, as things
had been going in the past concerning crime I
had believed some time some body of men would
have to be called upon to help shut down this
monster of crime. I have read for many years in
our daily press about crime, at one time in discus-
sing this subject with a friend, and that was some
years ago, I had come to the conclusion that
there was not any man big enough to bring this
monster down. During my opinion on what
I had read at that time. Today in what I see
in the press I would retract that statement on the
new fine showing your department has made.
This should not be any setup at this time

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Your department should receive all the encouragement to carry on more vigorously. It is with a feeling of satisfaction that in your hands with the help of good citizens crime must go out. I realize when I was some time ago what part politics plays in crime, I had always contended without the aid of politicians this could never carry on so of only. Some times I believed some of our courts did not really try to convict. Just recently our sheriff was asked to explain why so many are carrying weapons in our country. Political setup just yesterday an item in local paper, is, claims crime is sweeping Ill. We of Ill know this to be true in many instances. The politicians have a stranglehold on the people, and as just recently in discussing this subject we were contented. That you may not even say anything about it for fear they would make life miserable for me. Many people seem to realize this but today I believe we can carry on in a more satisfactory safe feeling. Some years ago we had a case in court concerning Ted Geoff and

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nattering. One could easily see the outcome it
never really did come out. One of many politicians took
the rap. the rest went free. There was much man-
ueuvring as one read the press daily one could easily
see the outcome. I had at that time in mind of
contacting your department if anything could
be done about it. We really seem to be helpless
in such affairs. I did take the liberty at that
time in writing to Senator George W. Norris
as there was a power magnate seem to be
mixed up in this affair. also several other large
concerns. I had just about predicted the outcome
of this particular case before it went to court.
So one sees how justice is twisted as I have often
said. Now that we know about it what are
we going to do about it. For indeed what can
we do about it. Today in our county Taxes are
so terribly out of proportion it simply is a
disgrace to any community. Large wealthy
owners pay less than we do for our small homes.
By illustration as pictures of property are
shown in the news papers it almost seems

unbelievable this should happen in a civilized nation. To top it all off the question again arises now that you know about it, what are you going to do about it. I make this comparison on the strength of your statement what part politics plays in crime. I have an idea of how your mob must be hampered in that way. Now all of this appears to me to be a sort of criminal intent a racket if connected together. I really do not think any decent citizen would ever be involved in such form of racket. I here for I urge you to say on I am sure the people of our country will assist you in all ways, yours is the outstanding work of the day we have much confidence in your ability. We are proud of your record we feel more safe again it may be a long fight but we must win.

Very truly yours
John A. Crossfitch

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Bellefonte, Pa. } envelope

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May 23, 1936.

Mr. John A. Grosspittah,
221 South 21st Street,
Belleville, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Grosspittah:

I have received your letter dated May 17 in which you so graciously commend the accomplishments of this Bureau and my administration of it.

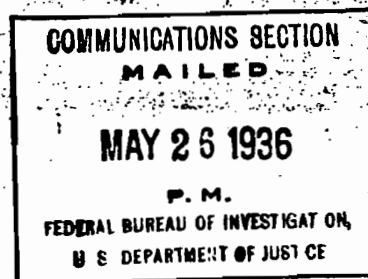
It is certainly encouraging to receive such an expression of approval and I hope that our work will continue to merit your confidence. I have noted your comments concerning political interference with law enforcement.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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May 15, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Congratulations on your recent accomplishments.

In your latest letter, you stated that your plans were indefinite at present, but that when you visited Los Angeles you would welcome an interview with me. On account of your interesting work and unexcelled record, I should like to share that interview with the other Junior Barristers in Los Angeles. With your permission I shall arrange a meeting of the 500 Junior Barristers at the University Club, on any date which you select, and I shall announce you as the Guest of Honor and Guest Speaker. Also, I should like to make arrangements for your address to be broadcast because all Americans are interested in your message. If you grant this favor you will give impetus to the Public Information Program of the Junior Bar Conference of the American Bar Association and you will receive the thanks of many thousand lawyers.

Thank you for the information concerning the Bureau, which you sent to me last week.

I hope to receive your approval of the plan soon.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Milford Springer

Milford Springer
Director of Public Information

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680 Mountain View Road,
Altadena, California.
May 15, 1936.

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,
Chief of the Federal
Bureau of investigations.

Dear Sir;- Just a vote of thanks to you, and your fellow officers in rounding up a 'wild uncivilized bunch' of kidnapers. And if only they can be parolled in a few years 'you all' can have some more fun. Anyhow there may be some more 'Crack Pots' that don't know crime don't pay.

Now if the federal Government will put you on the trail of Gangsters and clean them up with equal success, it won't be long until law abiding citizens can catch up on much needed peaceful sleep.

In giving you my vote of thanks, I feel that I represent all good citizens of the U.S.A. You all was not on any pick there was real danger at every step, in fact I'd rather hunt Rattle snakes.

With kind regards,

Luther W. Blackburn
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May 22, 1936.

Mr. Luther W. Blackburn,
680 Mountain View Road,
Altadena, California.

Dear Mr. Blackburn:

I have received your letter, dated May 13, 1936, and want to thank you for the commendatory statements which you so generously make concerning the accomplishments of this Bureau. It is indeed encouraging to receive such an expression of confidence.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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May 18, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you so much for your article regarding your
Moniker of Nickname file. It is an interesting collection
and I am publishing it today.

Shortly after I visited your Department I ran a
series of column articles regarding what I had observed.
This series attracted considerable attention and opened the
eyes of many as to what goes on.

I think you are due congratulations over the recent
work in capturing Karpis, et al. This ought to make kidnapers
and other law violators think a little more before committing
crimes.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Stouffer /s/

W. C. Stouffer,
Managing Editor,
THE ROANOKE WORLD-NEWS

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THE CHARDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Chardon, Ohio

May 18, 1936,

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Chief of G Men,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

You and your loyal men have made the best citizens of our Nation rejoice by the way you have cleaned out the criminals from our land.

It is one of the achievements, that more than anything else has caused us to believe that in spite of the wickedness and lawlessness prevailing in all classes of society there is Hope that some day if you are not handicapped by other powerful forces you and your men will finally bring all the worst offenders to justice, and if we the ordinary citizens will do our part and aid the coming generation to find higher ideals as their aim in life, then our country will be known as one that is governed by and has respect for law and order.

The writer is not sure that you favor the idea of informing the public as to what part they may have in this warfare, if you do, and if one of your men who may be conveniently located would give this information to the business men of our community, it would be a service that would be helpful and very much needed.

We meet the second Monday of each month, a dinner meeting at 6:15 P.M. Our schedule is open for the July meeting and thereafter, usually from 75 to 100 men are present, much public interest prevails, if you are in position to render this service it would be the means of interesting our best citizens in this important work of our Nation.

The bringing to justice of criminals who persist in all kinds of lawlessness and the changing of local conditions which tend to produce new and young criminals is certainly a Goal toward which every worthy citizen should be striving.

We are proud of the work you and your men have done and wish you the best success in your continued efforts in this fight.

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62-43010-89 Yours respectfully,

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Commissioner - Chardon Chamber of Commerce

GLENN E. MATTHEWS
ONE FORTY NINE CORONA ROAD
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

My sincere congratulations on the
marvelous series of captures that your Bureau
has effected in the past few weeks, proving again
the great value of criminal detection free from
political control and supervision. During my
visit to your department last October I was
much impressed by the general efficiency of
the place and by the preponderance of younger
men in your organization. The chemical lab-
oratory was especially interesting to me be-
cause that was the field where I received my
training.

For your information I am enclosing
two clippings from the Rochester papers
that may be of interest to you for your files.

I sincerely hope that we will live to see
the time when most of the police forces of this
country will be staffed through civil service
examinations rather than by the whims
of the ward politicians. Instead of our critics
always having to refer us to England and her
system, we should be referring the English
to ours.

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Yours Cordially
Glenn E. Matthews
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May 26, 1936.

Mr. Glenn B. Matthews,
149 Corona Road,
Rochester, New York.

Dear Mr. Matthews:

Your letter was received on May 18, 1936, with which you enclosed an editorial entitled "Curtains for Kidnapers," which appeared in the May 13, 1936, issue of the Rochester Times-Union and an editorial entitled "The Real Public Enemy," which appeared in the May 14, 1936, issue of the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

I have read these editorials with a great deal of interest and want to thank you for calling them to my attention.

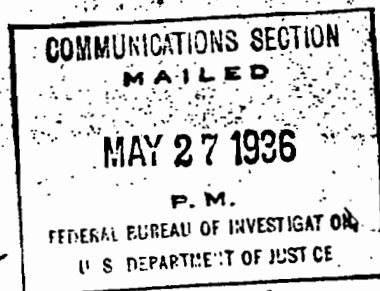
Permit me to express my sincerest appreciation for the commendatory statements which you so graciously make concerning the accomplishments of this Bureau. It is indeed encouraging to observe the confidence which so many of our citizens display in this Bureau's endeavors in law enforcement.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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May 15, 1936

Curtains for Kidnapers

Arrest of Thomas H. Robinson Jr., charged with kidnaping and holding for ransom Mrs. Alice Stoll, of Louisville, clears up the list of such cases that have engaged the attention of the Bureau of Investigation.

We cannot say there will be no more kidnapings, but the menace which was really terrifying two or three years ago has been largely dispelled.

Gangsters and individual criminals took up kidnaping as a means of getting large sums of money quickly. Now most of them are behind prison bars for life or very long terms. Some are dead.

The "snatch racket" is wiped out. The risks have been made too great for the man who stops to think what he is doing, and kidnaping is a carefully planned crime in most instances.

So too, with the notorious gunmen, most of whom are now dead.

State and local police authorities aided in dealing with many of these cases. But the decisive factor, the one which has turned the scale against the criminal, was the introduction of an agency not hampered by state lines and ready to keep men on the trail of major offenders until they were caught.

This factor of persistence has been perhaps the most important of all, though the members of the Bureau of Investigation are carefully selected and ably directed.

This work has been expensive and yet, in the long run, it will prove cheap, because it has so notably reduced the types of crimes with which the bureau deals.

And it means something when small boys, in their games, want to be G men, not gangsters or gunmen.

Eliminating crime is a big problem. It raises social and economic questions, as well as those of law enforcement.

In coping directly with criminals, it is to be hoped the example set by the federal men will hasten interstate co-operation, help do away with that ridiculous figure, the untrained county sheriff, and spur resolves to keep politics out of the police field.

X Roch. Democrat Chronicle The Real Public Enemy

Who is Public Enemy No. 1? *May 14, 1936*

John Dillinger once enjoyed that sobriquet; then it fell to Baby Face Nelson. Still later Alvin Karpis was so designated. But J. Edgar Hoover, chief G-man, doesn't share that view. "Old Man Politics," he retorted when asked about it in New York the other day. "He is now, he was and he always will be Public Enemy Number One, locally, in the states and nationally."

There is something for the American people to ponder in this statement. And there have been recent evidences of its truth. Witness the almost successful attempts of politically prominent attorneys in Arkansas to prevent the extradition of the accused head of a gigantic New York city vice racket. Witness the necessity of a special prosecutor, a special grand jury and a specially designated judge to meet New York city's vice situation. Witness the scandalous implications of the Wendel kidnaping episode of the Lindbergh kidnaping investigation. Witness the charge of a responsible Rochester citizen that fixing was holding back the enforcement of the law in serious traffic cases in Rochester.

The G-men have shown the people of the country what non-political law enforcement means. Mr. Dewey and his special aids in New York city are doing the same thing. When the American people take Mr. Hoover's remark seriously; when state and local police and prosecuting agencies generally can be permitted to move as they will, without having some "higher-up" hold their punches, we shall be getting somewhere in law enforcement, but not before.

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Elon, Calif.
May 18, 1936.

J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir:

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Now that most of the bad men are cleaned up, thanks to you and your crew, I notice you are a'out to work on a variety of criminals which is an excellent idea.

Yours truly,

/s/ Joseph McAfee.

Alvin Karpis
Harvey Campbell
Thomas Robinson
Wm. Mahan

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Chief of the Air Corps
Washington

May 15, 1936.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Chief, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

If it were not for the fact that it is necessary to keep the editorial policy of the Air Corps News Letter strictly in line with the purpose for which it is used, I should like very much to write another expression of appreciation and admiration for the work accomplished by you personally, and by the men of your Bureau. It is a splendid thing to contemplate that Karpis, Campbell, Robinson, Mahan, et al., are all safely stowed where they can do no further harm.

We of the Army can prepare to guard the country in time of war, but the country must depend upon you and your men to guard it in the piping times of peace.

Please accept my sincere congratulations, and I can assure you that a great many other officers feel the same as I do about your work.

Thinking that perhaps it would be of interest to you, I am inclosing a copy of the National Guard Number of the Air Corps News Letter.

Sincerely,

J. D. Reardan.

J. D. REARDAN,
Lieut. Colonel, Air Corps.

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May 16 - 1936

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Dept. of Justice
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

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I've been reading of
all the wonderful things
you & your g-men have
accomplished. I really
wish to attend one of
those sincere conferences
you thought
to me that it would be
so much more wonderful
if these arrests could be
made before this time.
I'm thinking of conducting
a tour of first here in Gulfport
Mississippi. A white man

Mr. Nathan

Mr. Tolson

Mr. Baughman

Chief Clerk

Mr. Coffey

Mr. Edwards

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who calls himself
"Shadow" has terrorized
all the women and a
great many men. He cuts
the screen in your bedroom
window, points a gun and
flashlight at you and
demands your money.
The Police Dept. claim
they are doing everything
possible to get him but
this thing has gone on
now for almost three
months & they still have
not caught him. It looks
to me as though they don't
want to get him.

We came to Guilford

the middle of February -
my husband travels for a
Hollywood, California company
and so I am alone with
3 little girls (ages 8-5 & 4)
most of the time. I have
never felt afraid any place
we have ever lived but here.
I do pray hell never come
here & frighten my little
children.

I have never written
such a letter and if you
think I shouldn't have
written you - please
forgive me.

Some one will
shoot this "Shadow" and
then other lives may be
lost, and I do wish

you could advise these
police how to get him.

Desire, honest people
who stay at home every
evening & read. Listen to
the radio should be entitled
to security & peace in
their homes, and I know
that is the object of your
firm organization.

I, for one, shall be
forever grateful to you if
you can get the Shadow.

Thanking you,
I am
Yours truly
William A. Wilson

Mrs. H. A.

822 Camp

Jefferson

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Mrs. E. A. Wilson,
822 Camp Avenue,
Gulfport, Mississippi.

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

I have received your letter dated May 16, 1936, with enclosure, and want to sincerely thank you for extending your congratulations upon this Bureau's recent success in apprehending some of the major criminals.

With reference to your statements concerning "The Shadow" please be advised that this Bureau's jurisdiction is confined by legislation to the investigation of certain Federal violations. By your statement the activities of "The Shadow" do not come under this Bureau's primary jurisdiction.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:-

I congratulate you on the splendid work that was accomplished in capturing Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter. I knew that sooner or later your "G-Men" would put an end to Karpis' career, and when the news reached me that they did it was music to my ears. I again congratulate you and your assistants from the very depth of my heart, and know that you will keep up the splendid march against crime. For more convictions and captures, I am,

Yours Fair & Square,

Mike Janyon.

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| Mr. Nathan | ✓ |
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| Mr. Baughman | ✓ |
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Dear Mr. Hoover:-

I congratulate you on the splendid work that is accomplished in capturing Alvin Karpis and Fred Goetz. I knew that sooner or later your "G-men" would put an end to Karpis' career, and when the news reached me that they did it was music to my ears. I again congratulate you and your assistants from the very depth of my heart and know that you will keep up the splendid march against crime. For more convictions and captures, I am,

Yours Fair & Square,
Mike Janyon

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May 9, 1936

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Mr. Mike Janyon,
Warren, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Janyon:

I want to thank you for your letter
which was received in this Bureau on May 6.

It is indeed gratifying to know that
this Bureau enjoys your confidence and support.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan ..
Mr. Tolson ..
Mr. Baughman ..
Chief Clerk ..
Mr. Clegg ..
Mr. Coffey ..
Mr. Edwards ..
Mr. Egan ..
Mr. Foxworth ..
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ST. LOUIS-SAN FRANCISCO RAILWAY COMPANY

J. M. KURN AND JOHN G. LONSDALE
TRUSTEES

St. Louis, May 11, 1936

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| Mr. Nathan | |
| Mr. Tolson | |
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| Mr. Tracy | |
| Miss Gandy | |

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I wish to congratulate you on recent captures of Karpis, Campbell, et al.

I have been interested in Karpis and Campbell for a long time, because they are products of the territory in which this Railroad operates, and their names have appeared in our files from time to time every since they began stealing.

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My department participated in the investigation of the murder of Sheriff Kelly, of West Plains, by Barker and Karpis.

Unquestionably, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has established itself as a most necessary connecting link in the chain of law enforcement; and I consider this excellent result as your own personal achievement.

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Yours very truly,

Chief Special Agent.

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May 15, 1936.

Mr. C. E. Wilson,
Chief Special Agent,
St. Louis-San Francisco Railway
Company,
St. Louis, Missouri.

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ack (1)

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I have your letter of May 11, 1936, in which
you extend your congratulations upon the recent apprehension
of several of our most wanted fugitives.

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write to
me in this connection, and I want you to know that I
deeply appreciate your letter.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
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Mr. Clegg
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J. W. C.

DAYTON OHIO MAY 11 1936

HON HOMER CUMMINGS
DEPT OF JUSTICE

MY DEAR HOMER ONE OF OUR BEST COMMUNITY GROUPS IS ANXIOUS TO HAVE G MAN
J EDGAR HOOVER ADDRESS A VERY UNUSUAL MEETING HERE STOP THEY HAVE
ARRANGED THROUGH OUR RADIO STATION FOR A NATION WIDE BROADCAST STOP IT
SEEMS TO ME JUST AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL STOP I
WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH IF HE WERE TO COME STOP WE CAN SELECT THE DATE
STOP KIND REGARDS AND CONGRATULATIONS ON LAST WEEKS CLEAN UP

JAMES M. COX

The A. G. routed the above wire to the
Director with a handwritten notation.
"What? HSC".

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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ans (5)
I am returning herewith the telegram addressed to you on May 11th by Honorable James M. Cox of Dayton, Ohio, relative to the possibility of my making an address at a meeting in Dayton in the near future before a community group.

I do not feel that it would be desirable for me to make this address; as a matter of fact, the pressure of work now pending before the Bureau is such that I frankly do not see how I could possibly arrange to fill this engagement in the near future.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director

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BRUCE BARTON

383 Madison Avenue
New York City

May second
1936

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Your speech to the Dutch Treat
Club was one of the best we have ever
had. And you certainly put a swell
climax on it by what you did yesterday!

Good luck to you.

Sincerely yours,

S/ BRUCE BARTON

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
U. S. Department of Justice,
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Mr. Bruce Barton,
385 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Barton:

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I have just received your kind note of May 2nd, and want you to know how deeply appreciative I am of your thoughtfulness in writing as you did. In the first place, it was a real treat to me to be able to speak before such a fine group as I met at the Dutch Treat Club. I am indeed glad that my remarks met with your approbation.

I also want to thank you for your expressions concerning the capture of Alvin Karpis. It really makes us feel as if the long hours of hard work demanded by such a case are more than compensated for when public-spirited citizens such as you take cognizance of our efforts.

With expressions of my very best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover.

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May 11, 1936

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I greatly appreciate your sending copy of your address "Patriotism and the War Against Crime." I found it very interesting.

May I congratulate you too on the increasing contributions you are making to the stamping out of crime and the safety of the people in the country. He who conquers from within is indeed a great general.

With best wishes for your continued success,
I am,

Cordially yours,

L. J. O'Rourke
L. J. O'Rourke,
Director of Research in
Personnel and Administration.

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

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SOLON SCHILLER
130 EAST 94TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

My dear Sir

As a citizen - I wish to
congratulate you and your office
as to the efficient manner in
which you have taken care of the
"barg" in the past months.

In fact, you should be highly
commended instead of censured as you
have ^{been} by some of the "peanut politicians".

Don't get discouraged but
keep up the good work.

With all good wishes

Very truly,

for Schiller

Ack 5/11/36
R.M.H.

May 5/1936

COPY

Solon Schiller
130 East 94th Street
New York City

My dear Sir:

As a citizen - I wish to congratulate you and your office as to the efficient manner in which you have taken care of the "boys" in the past months.

In fact you should be highly commended instead of censored as you have been by some of the "peanut politicians".

Don't get discouraged but keep up the good work.

With all good wishes

Very truly,

Solon Schiller. (S)

May 5/1936.

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May 11, 1936.

Mr. Solon Schiller,
130 East 94th Street,
New York, New York.

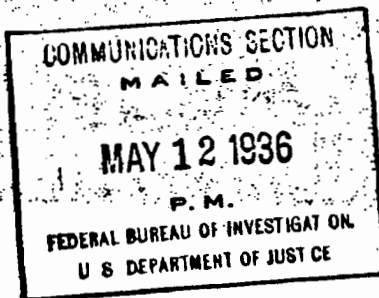
Dear Mr. Schiller:

I have your letter of May 5, 1936,
and I want to express my deep appreciation of
your thoughtfulness in extending your con-
gratulations upon the success of this Bureau
in dealing with the crime situation.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
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Brawley, Calif.,
P. O. Box 1015,
May 8, 1936.

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I could not be true to myself if I did not write you a line to say how deeply grateful I am to you and your magnificent organization for the effective work you have been and are doing in running down the dastardly criminals who have roamed around our country in recent months. May Almighty God bless and protect you, and may the American people be aroused to give your organization and our great government the cooperation needed to continue your good work and make effective in some permanent way the progress already made. We all feel safer.

Just why Congress should quibble over the matter of providing adequate financial support for your department is amazing. I am convinced that your work is of utmost importance and should have the wholehearted support of all good citizens.

Again I say, God bless you personally, and more power to you and your men.

Very sincerely yours,

C. L. Vaughan

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Mr. C. L. Vaughan,
Post Office Box 1016,
Brawley, California.

Dear Mr. Vaughan:

I have received your letter, dated May 8, 1936,
and want to express my sincerest appreciation for your
kindness in commending this Bureau upon its accomplishments.
It is indeed encouraging to receive such a letter from
one of our citizens. I hope that the work of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation will continue to merit the confidence
which you express.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
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| Mr. Tamm | ✓ |
| Mr. Tracy | ✓ |
| Mr. Carson | |

May 2, 1936

W. J. Coon

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

When the copy of your address entitled "Patriotism and the War Against Crime," arrived yesterday I was greatly pleased, as I always am when I receive these copies that you have so kindly been sending to me, and I of course intended to write you to thank you. But this morning, after learning about the Alvin Karpis capture yesterday, I wish to extend to you much more than mere thanks. I wish to congratulate you most heartily and sincerely upon this admirable achievement. It is indeed a feat that has strengthened the already great trust every law-abiding American has placed in you and your co-workers.

With kindest regards, and best wishes for your continued success, I am

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Very sincerely yours,

W. J. Coon

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Mr. S. J. Coon,
Dean,
College of Economics and Business,
University of Washington,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Dean Coon:

I wish to thank you for your letter of
May 2, 1936, in which you extend your congratula-
tions upon the recent apprehension of Alvin Karpis.

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write
me, and I deeply appreciate having your letter.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
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May 4-

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

Dear Mr. Hoover.

Congratulations, and

Best wishes.

Sincerely your True Friend

J. R. Cleary
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Letter to Mr.
R. W. Simpson,
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TAMPA SUNDAY TRIBUNE, SUNDAY, MAY 3, 1936

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
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Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Joseph
Mr. Keith
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Putting All His Yeggs In One Casket



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Mr. J. A. Cleary,
Sebring, Florida.

Dear Mr. Cleary:

I want to thank you for your letter of
congratulation of May 4, 1936, and the cartoon
which you enclosed entitled "Putting All His Eggs
In One Basket."

It was indeed thoughtful of you to furnish
me with this cartoon for the Bureau files, and I
want you to know that I deeply appreciate your
thought in writing me.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Baughman _____
Chief Clerk _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
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May 6, 1936.

Mr. R. W. Simpson,
Managing Editor,
Tampa Tribune,
Tampa, Florida.

Dear Mr. Simpson:

It was certainly thoughtful of you to send me a copy of the cartoon, "Putting All His Yeggs In One Basket," which appeared in your paper on May 3d, and I wanted you to know how deeply appreciative I am of your kindness. It is one of the best likenesses I have ever seen portrayed by cartoon.

I have been making a collection of cartoons which I felt to be particularly impressive and wondered if it would be possible to obtain the original of this particular one. I would indeed value it in my collection.

With expressions of my best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
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