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DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 21, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

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I wish to advise that a great number of letters are being received in the Files Section from citizens all over the country commenting upon the recent capture of Karpis, Hunter, Campbell, Mahan and Robinson by the Bureau. All of these in one way or another commend the activities of the Bureau. It is noted that this increase in incoming mail is largely caused by the radio news commentators and especially the request of Kate Smith that all radio listeners write to the Director and express their appreciation.

The usual method of handling letters of this nature in which reference is made to fugitives would be to insert such letters in the investigative file. It is believed that the following method would be the more practical way of handling this incoming mail and would save considerable copy work in the Files Section. This matter will be adopted subject to approval.

A separate Commendation file has been started and all incoming letters referring in a general way to the capture of these notorious fugitives and commending the Director and Bureau upon the recent activities will be inserted in this general commendation file. Of course, this file will be limited to letters of a general nature from citizens who have not corresponded with the Bureau before. Letters which are of a strictly commendatory character will, of course, be handled as in the past and carried in the Director's commendation file which is kept by the Personnel Files Section. This new commendation file will be kept in the Administrative Files Section and will be crossed with the Director's commendation file in the Personnel Files Section. It will also be crossed with the individual investigative files of these fugitives.

It is noted that if these letters were treated in the usual manner it would be necessary to make copies for the different investigative files. If any of these letters contain information of an investigative nature they will be inserted in the investigative file and a copy made for the commendation file.

Respectfully,

T. J. Donegan
T. J. Donegan.

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North American Newspaper Alliance
247 West 43rd Street
New York

May 14, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Like everybody else I am very much impressed by the splendid record of your organization recently, and we would like to get a series of stories from you if you can spare the time and have the inclination to furnish the material. We can give you a good man to do the writing, and of course submit the finished stories to you for your approval before publication. We would like to put through The Bell Syndicate, which is under the same ownership and affiliated with the North American Newspaper Alliance. The usual syndicate arrangement is a payment of fifty per cent. of the net, which means that the direct expenses, to include the physical expense of producing the service at current market prices, that is, cost of proofs, mats, and engravings, is deducted from the gross before the division is made. No deduction is made for selling, overhead, postage, etc. We would be especially interested if you could give us some untold facts about how these criminals were caught recently.

Will you please let me know whether you are interested, and whether I can arrange an appointment to see you? If you are coming to New York, as I know you do frequently, I would like to have an opportunity to talk to you about this.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

J. H. Wheeler /s/

John H. Wheeler

Sincerest congratulations on your outstanding success.

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May 23, 1936

Mr. John S. Wheeler,
General Manager,
North American Newspaper Alliance,
247 West 43rd Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated May 14th, concerning the possibility of my writing a series of stories for publication through the Bell Syndicate.

I am sorry that at the present time I am not in a position to participate in the preparation of such a series. However, I shall be very glad indeed in the event appropriate approval is secured through the publicity officer of the Department of Justice, to make available to any feature writer selected by you, the material for his use in preparing such a series.

You will, I trust, understand the reasons why I am not in a position to personally collaborate in a series of articles at the present time.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the congratulations which you extended relative to the Bureau's recent success in apprehending some of the major criminals.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. [unclear]
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Joseph
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Scher
Mr. [unclear]
Miss Gandy

West Phila., May 10 1936

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

Dear Sir:-

I have your valued favor of 13th inst. replying to mine of 9th relative to certain aspects of recent cases of kidnapping in this country. I thank you greatly for enclosure 585901. As soon as I can find time I will peruse carefully the various printed and type-written pages and I may then have some further suggestions to make. Your men have certainly done some very efficient work within the last few weeks.

Very truly yours,
W. A. McClure

4412 Locust St.

W. A. McClure
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Mr. Joseph
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
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Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Chicago May 13 1936

Honorable Mr. Hoover;
Dear Sir;

Congratulations to you and your men for fine and noble work you are doing. I want you to know we appreciate the fine effort you are exerting in bringing these gangsters to justice.

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Sincerely
Robert M. Musty
Crystal City Chicago

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May 20, 1936.

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Mr. Peter Murstig,
4919 Crystal Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Murstig:

I have received the letter dated May 13,
1936, signed by Mrs. C. Murstig, Mr. Robert Murstig
and you.

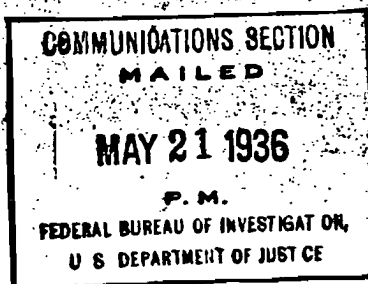
I want you to know that I am sincerely
appreciative of your commendation of this Bureau.
It is indeed encouraging to receive such an expression
of approval. I hope that our work will continue to
merit your confidence.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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for Mr. [unclear] [unclear]
[unclear]

Bedford Ohio May 10

Mr. Edgar G. Hoover Chief
of the "G Men"

1740 Washington D.C.

DEAR Mr. Hoover: At the suggestion of "Katie Smith" Star, I wish to express to you and your Men my heartiest congratulations, on the wonderful work you have done. The results obtained, a record, I as a Citizen and am proud of, and a fit example for our Metropolitan to follow.

I lived thro the end of the bad days in Oklahoma, when I was with the Express Co, and the carrying of a Six shooter was perfectly proper, and our orders were to shoot first and explain afterwards, still there was more respect for the law and the Six shooter, than you find in some modern Cities now, no the bad men then were Princes, compared to the Yellow Pape nowadays.

When I was a member of the City Council 10 years ago, I suggested dividing the City up in districts, and watched according to the Scotland Yard system, no attention was paid to it, a system I think that will become universal some day if we ever adopt the suggestion of Doctor, Senator Copeland, as of a Federal Police system.

May your good work continue, if at any time I may be of any assistance to any of your men, I shall consider it my duty to give and find out what is wanted.

May God guide and protect you and your Men for humanity sake, with best wishes

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Sincerely Yours MAY 16 1935

Paul Rosenberg

170 Calumet

Bedford Ohio

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May 23, 1936.

Mr. Paul Rosenberg,
170 Columbus Street,
Bedford, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Rosenberg:

I have received your letter dated May 14, and wish to express my sincere appreciation for the commendatory statements which you make concerning this Bureau's success in apprehending some of the major criminals. I also wish to thank you for your offer of assistance to any of the Special Agents of this Bureau.

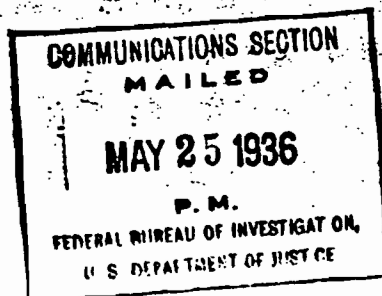
Your comments concerning the division of cities into districts, to be policed under the Scotland Yard system, are indeed interesting.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
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Mr. Tracy
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W. J. [unclear]
[unclear]
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West Side Professional Schools Department
 Young Men's Christian Association
 1804 West Congress Street
 Chicago
 Telephone Seeley 7060

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 Mr. Coffey
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 Mr. Egan
 Mr. Foxworth
 Mr. Glavin
 Mr. Ladd
 Mr. Lester
 Mr. Quinn
 Mr. Tracy
 Mr. Carson
 Miss Gandy

May 13 1936
 Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
 Chief of F. B. I.,
 Washington, D. C.
 Dear Mr. Hoover:

Kate Smith has just
 prompted me to do the
 very thing I wanted to do,
 but assumed you
 were too busy to be so
 bothered. However, I
 am glad to offer my
 thanks & appreciation for
 equalled fine work you
 and your fearless
 men have done!

*Comm. 5-23-36
 Thomas H. Robinson, Chairman, Y.M.C.A. of Chicago*

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West Side Professional Schools Department
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Chicago
Telephone Seeley 7060

It is generally assumed that protection is accorded the criminals, and, so far as we know, little, if anything, is being done to apprehend the "front line of crime".

I sincerely hope you will succeed in leading the field in a wholesale cleanup.

Very truly yours,
Joseph J. Erlue
3838 Sheffield Ave.
Chicago

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May 23, 1936.

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Mr. Joseph J. Kales,
3838 Sheffield Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois,

Dear Mr. Kales:

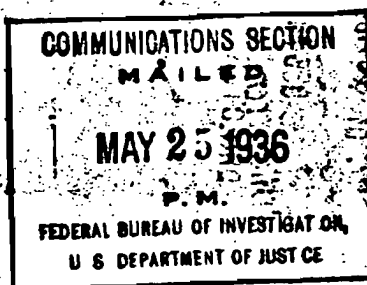
I have received your letter, dated May 13, 1936, and want to thank you for the commendatory statements which you make concerning the accomplishments of this Bureau. It is very encouraging to receive such an expression of approval, and I hope that our work will continue to merit your confidence.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy



RUSH L. HOLLAND
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW
METROPOLITAN BANK BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Mr. Baughman	
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Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Mr. Gandy	

May 14, 1936

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

My dear Hoover:

Just a line to congratulate you on
your recent accomplishments. You certainly
have every reason justly to feel proud.

Sincerely yours,

Rush L. Holland
Rush L. Holland

RLH:MP

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J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
May 14, 1936
Thank you for letter

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May 18, 1936

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Honorable Hugh L. Holland,
Metropolitan Bank Building,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Judge Holland:

Thank you very much indeed for your
kind letter of May 14th, extending congratula-
tions upon the recent work of this Bureau.

It was very good of you to write to
me and it is a source of much gratification to
me to know that our efforts meet with your ap-
probation and approval.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Baughman _____
Chief Clerk _____
Mr. Clegg _____
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TO THE HON. J. EDGAR HOOVER,
Director of the United States
Bureau of Investigation, and
his able Assistants,
Washington, D. C.

Letter of Appreciation

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of the City of Jacksonville, Florida, being a representative civic body, assembled in the Windsor Hotel, this the 12th day of May, A. D. 1936, having noted with great satisfaction the exemplary demonstration of your loyalty, faithfulness and bravery in the recent apprehension of certain notorious criminals whose unlawful activities have been a menace to the peace, safety and tranquility of the citizens of this country at large; and

WHEREAS, the activities of your department have been a most outstanding example of true public service:

THE MEMBERS OF THIS BODY do hereby send you its sincerest greetings as an expression of our appreciation for the splendid public service that your department has performed.

WE INVITE OTHER CIVIC BODIES to make similar expression in order that your department may know that it has the confidence, respect and cooperation of the citizens of the United States.

THIS, the 12th day of May, A. D. 1936.

JACKSONVILLE JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

By Gas L. Niblack
President.

Attest:

By J. W. Potts
Secretary.

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May 19, 1936

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Mr. J. W. Power,
Executive Secretary,
Junior Chamber of Commerce,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Mr. Power:

I have your letter of May 13, with which you enclosed a letter of appreciation which was adopted by the Jacksonville Junior Chamber of Commerce at its regular meeting on May 12.

I want you to know how deeply appreciative I am of this letter. It is most encouraging to receive such an expression of confidence, and makes long hours spent in arduous and hazardous tasks seem much more worth while. It is my sincere hope that the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation will continue to merit the confidence and respect which are now evidenced by so many of the good citizens of this country towards it.

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
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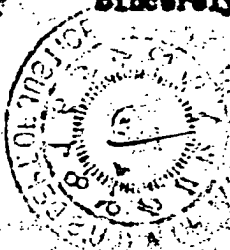
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May 19, 1936

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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. J. W. Power, Executive Secretary, Jacksonville, Florida, Junior Chamber of Commerce, with which he forwarded a letter of appreciation addressed to me by that organization at its regular meeting on May 12, a copy of which is attached, also.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Isle of Pines Chamber of Commerce

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Nueva Gerona,

Isle of Pines, Cuba.

May 10th, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

Members of this organization have watched with sincere appreciation the cleaning up process of the various United States public enemies, especially the most efficient work carried out during the past week in the captures of Karpis, Campbell and Mahan. It was really creditable work and your men and self deserve the profound thanks of the people of the United States for the bravery and self sacrificing motives behind your deeds in the line of ordinary duty.

Although away from home we Americans realize a distinct feeling of pride in the knowledge that you are the head of one of the most valuable branches of our home government. We wish you from the bottom of our hearts continued success and safety. This also goes for your many brave assistants who have so thoroughly demonstrated from time to time, in the capture of desperate criminals that they are far from being quaking youngsters.

Our sincere congratulations are communicated with this communication.

Isle of Pines Chamber of Commerce.

A. B. Kelm.

Secretary.

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Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Comm. on Education
Thomas H. O'Brien

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May 19, 1936

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Mr. A. B. Kelm, Secretary,
Isle of Pines Chamber of Commerce,
Nueva Gerona,
Isle of Pines, Cuba.

Dear Mr. Kelm:

I have your letter of May 10, and want to express my sincerest appreciation for the commendatory statements which you forward in behalf of the Isle of Pines Chamber of Commerce, concerning the accomplishments of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

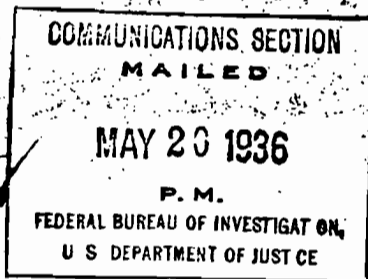
It is indeed encouraging to know that even our citizens away from home have confidence in us. To receive such an expression of appreciation makes long hours spent in arduous and hazardous tasks seem more worth while, and I want to thank you for your commendation of the Special Agents of this service.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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 Mr. Keith ✓
 Mr. Lester ✓
 Mr. Quinn ✓
 Mr. Schilder ✓
 Mr. Tamm ✓
 Mr. Tracy ✓
 Miss Gandy ✓

Mr. Hoover
 Keep up the good work and
 hope you soon get the Lindbergh
 kid matter, as we all know
 Mr. Baughman was innocent
 R. T. Glavin

Alvin O'Hanlon
 Thomas H. O'Hanlon
 O'Leary, John D.

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May 14, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Permit me to add my congratulations to the many thousands of others that you have doubtless received for the splendid work of your department in cleaning up the kidnap mobs.

I trust that the copies of True Gang Life and Murder Mysteries that I forwarded to you with the wanted mobsters section therein, were received in good order and I also trust that our method of handling this matter met with your approval.

At the present times I am about to go to press with the July issue of "Scalet Gang Smashers" and do to the splendid work of your department the score of the descriptions of criminals to be published has been reduced to these five:

John J. Oley
Francis Leo Oley
Dr. Joseph O. Moran
Percy Geary
Avery Simmons

I would appreciate it greatly, if you will check on this list and let me know by return mail if all five of these are still wanted.

And I would also appreciate it if you will supply me with photographic likenesses, fingerprints and other descriptive matter concerning any other wanted criminals that you would like to add to these five.

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Very sincerely yours,

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J. Bruce Donahoo, Editor
J. Bruce Donahoo, Editor

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May 20, 1936.

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Mr. J. Bruce Donahoe,
Editor,
Associated Authors, Incorporated,
Hollis, Long Island,
New York.

My dear Mr. Donahoe:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 14, 1936. I wish to thank you for the commendatory remarks contained therein concerning the work of this Bureau in apprehending outstanding fugitives, and to advise you that this Bureau is in appreciative receipt of the June issue of "True Gang Life" and the July issue of "Murder Mysteries".

Please be informed that this Bureau is still making efforts to locate the following fugitives: John J. Oley, Francis Leo Oley, and Percy Geary. Avery Simons was apprehended by Special Agents of this Bureau at Los Angeles, California, on May 14, 1936. Information has been obtained by this Bureau through confidential informants to the effect that Dr. Joseph P. Moran was murdered by members of the underworld some time ago.

In keeping with your request I am pleased to transmit to you herewith Identification Orders containing the photograph, fingerprints and personal description of each of the following fugitives whose apprehensions are now being sought by this Bureau: Clarence Vernon Stevens, John Sullivan and Reese Bailey. Attached to the Identification Orders are independent photographs of these individuals which you may find more susceptible to reproduction than those contained on the Identification Orders.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #1134262

cc New York

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STATE OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION
AUBURN PRISON
AUBURN

May 13, 1936.

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

My dear Director:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your
Classification of Fingerprints and F. B. I. Law
Enforcement Bulletin. I will place them on
file in our Identification Bureau where I am
sure they will be of great value.

In closing I wish to compliment you
and the members of your department on the wonder-
ful cleanup you have recently made of public
enemies and so-called 'big shots'.

With kindest personal regards, I re-
main,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Joseph H. Brophy

Warden

JHB/S:W

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E.A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

914 May 13, 1936
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Department of Justice
Washington D. C.
Dear Mr. Hoover,

As ordinary everyday
citizens we wish to
extend our congratulations
and gratitude to you and
the many ~~of your department~~
for the ~~best~~ excellent
work you are ~~doing~~

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NEWTON CENTRE, MASSACHUSETTS

cleaning and the gangsters.
Particularly do we want
to express our appreciation
of the good work done
during the last two weeks.
Keep it up!!!

Sincerely yours
Arthur Rand.
Mary M. Rand.

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May 25, 1936.

Mr. Arthur Rand,
95 Langley Road,
Newton Centre, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Rand:

I have received the letter of May 13, 1936, signed by Mrs. Mary M. Rand and you, and want to express my gratefulness for the commendatory statements which you make concerning the personnel and accomplishments of this Bureau. It is very encouraging to those of us in the Bureau to receive such an expression of approval and confidence. I sincerely trust that our endeavors in law enforcement will continue to merit your approbation.

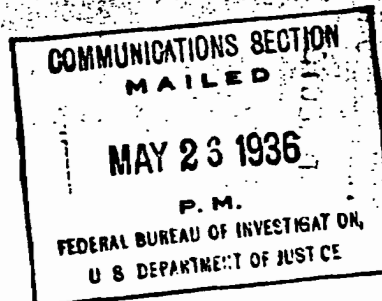
With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan
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Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Joseph
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Mr. Lester
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Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

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L. B. LILIENTHAL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
May 14, 1936.

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Baughman	✓
Chief Clerk	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Edwards	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Foxworth	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Joseph	✓
Mr. Keith	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Schilder	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a citizen of the United States, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you and your splendid organization on all of your recent achievements. Both myself and numerous friends are happy in the thought that a man of your ability is heading so important a department, and sincere wishes for continued success.

If there is anything at any time that I could write my Congressman or Senator, I should be happy to do so, and please feel at liberty to call upon me.

Yours truly,

Handwritten signature of L. B. Lilienthal
L. B. LILIENTHAL

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Room 5744 _____ 1936.

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_____ Mr. Clegg
_____ Mr. Tamm
_____ Mr. Edwards
_____ Mr. Egan
_____ Mr. Quinn
_____ Mr. Glavin
_____ Mr. Douglas
_____ Miss Gandy
_____ Mr. Tracy
_____ Mr. Renneberger
☒ _____ Mr. Joseph
_____ Personnel Files Section
_____ Files Section
_____ Communications Section
_____ Miss Sheaffer

See Me _____ For Appropriate Action

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Clyde Tolson

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May 25, 1936.

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Mr. L. B. Lilienthal,
869 Briarcliff Road, Northeast,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Lilienthal:

I have received your letter of May 14, 1936, and want to express my gratefulness for the commendatory statements which you so generously make concerning the accomplishments of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and my administration of the organization.

It is indeed encouraging to receive such an expression of approval and confidence and I sincerely hope that our work will continue to merit your approval.

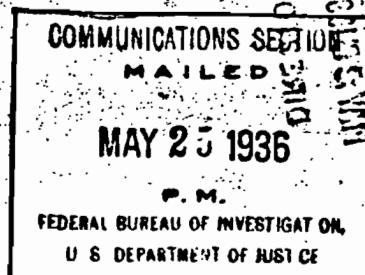
Your offer of cooperation is gratifying.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Joseph
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy



JONATHAN F. COMSTOCK
OAK LAWN, R. F. D.
RHODE ISLAND

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May 14, 1936

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Daugherty
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your work deserves
praise from every American.
May I add my thanks to you
for the efficient conduct of your
Department and for your fine
organization of government men
as a citizen and taxpayer.

I congratulate you
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Most cordially,

Jonathan F. Comstock

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May 23, 1936.

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Mr. Jonathan F. Comstock,
Rural Free Delivery,
Oak Lawn, Rhode Island.

Dear Mr. Comstock:

I have received your letter of May 14, 1936,
and want you to know how deeply grateful I am for your
commendatory statements concerning the personnel and accom-
plishments of this Bureau.

It is most encouraging to receive such an
expression of approval and confidence. I hope that our
endeavors in law enforcement will continue to merit the
approbation of good citizens.

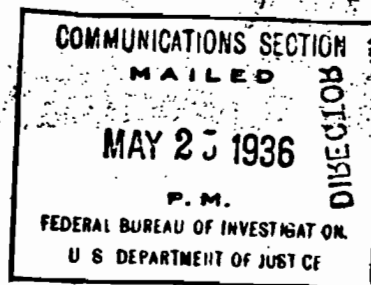
With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
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Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

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13 N. Sycamore St.,
Marshall, Michigan
May 13, 1936

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Please accept my congratulations, as a citizen, for
the splendid work of your men, your Bureau, and
yourself.

Such outstanding service to the American public
merits the attention and admiration of the entire
country. I take this opportunity to let you know
of my active interest and support of your Bureau.

Yours very truly,

Harold S. Adams
Harold S. Adams.

Mr. Nathan	
Mr. Clegg	
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Mr. Edwards	
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Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Glavin	
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*Harold S. Adams
13 N. Sycamore St.
Marshall, Mich.
May 13, 1936
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U.S. House of Reps.*

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Dear Mr. Adams:

It is indeed encouraging to receive such an expression of approval, and I hope that our work will continue to merit your confidence.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I thought you might be interested in reading the attached copy of a letter which I received from Mr. Harold S. Adams of Marshall, Michigan, recently.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you very much for acknowledging my letter to you. Here is another Editorial that you may also want to put on file.

Do hope the time is near when your men will tackle the rotten situation that exists on our West Coasts in regards to the White Slave Traffic.

God be with you and your Dept.

/s/ Helena M. von Muller

Miss. H. M. von Muller
372 Eighth St.,
Troy, New York

*Review of Karpis - Commendation
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Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Joseph
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
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Miss Gandy

Dear Sir:-
I want to write you to
congratulate you and your staff
for your splendid capture of
"Campbell," "Robinson," I think
you and your men, are doing a
"swell" job, of cleaning this "fine"
U.S.A. of these so called, "tough
guys" You are doing a very fine job, and
your men should be congratulated on
there fine service. I know that
these men "Harpio" "Campbell," and "Robinson,"
know now that "crime does not pay."

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Wayne, Pa.
Fred Phillips

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May 25, 1936.

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Mr. Fred Phillips,
132 Plant Avenue,
Wayne, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Phillips:

I have received your letter of May 16, 1936,
and want you to know how deeply grateful I am for your
commendatory statements concerning this Bureau's recent
success in apprehending some of the major criminals.

The confidence which so many of our citizens
display in the personnel of this Bureau is indeed a source
of great encouragement.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
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Mr. Victor Watson,
Editor,
The Chicago Herald-Examiner,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Watson:

I have received your kind telegram of congratulations upon the capture of Alvin Karpis, and want you to know how grateful I am to you for the sentiments contained therein.

When public-spirited citizens such as you take occasion to send in such an inspiring message of commendation, it really makes one feel as if the many hours of toil which such a case demands are more than compensated for.

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

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Nathan ✓
Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Harbo ✓
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May 11, 1936.

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Mr. Edward T. Leech,
Editor,
The Pittsburgh Press,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Handwritten: Dear Mr. Leech:

I have observed the editorial entitled "The Federal Way" which appeared in the Pittsburgh Press of May 7, 1936.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for your commendatory statements concerning the work of this Bureau in its recent capture of Alvin Karpis. It is my sincere hope that with the increased appropriation which Congress recently granted this Bureau, our work will be more effectively performed so as to receive your future approval.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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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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(excerpt from long hand letter
from George Tullouss)

Murray, Ky. Calaway, Co.
May 14, 1936.

Dear Mr. Hoover;

Dear Sir: In Reply to This matter, as I was
reading of The capture of your out law List especially The
Robinson Case I congratulate you for your famous work, as
Locating one man among all the people in the United States
an catching the right man, With no tip off. That's great.

Yours Truly
Murray, Ky.
(s) George Tullouss

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May 13, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

First I want to congratulate you on the wonderful work you are doing; also on the remark you made after the capture of Karpis; That you considered politics as public enemy No. 1. I heartily agree with you, and hope when you have finished with kidnapers and bandits that you will start in on politicians and crooked lawyers; and feel that if you do, The U. S. will soon be not only a safe place for Democrats to live but Republicans as well.

Am enclosing a list of numbers of identification orders still in our files and would be pleased to have them checked and any that are not active scratched off. Again thanking you and assuring you of my best wishes and hearty co-operation at all times. I am

Yours very respectfully,

W. H. Icenhower

Sheriff, Fayette County, Ohio.

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 Mr. Foxworth ✓
 Mr. Harbo ✓
 Mr. Joseph ✓
 Mr. Keith
 Mr. Lester
 Mr. Quinn
 Mr. Schilder
 Mr. Tamm
 Mr. Tracy ✓
 Miss Gandy ✓

Dear Mr. Hoover
 This is just a
 word of praise and heart
 felt gratitude from a
 plain American family
 to a "regular" American
 who has and is doing
 such a grand job at
 protecting all the families
 in this dear old U.S.A.
 More power to you - our
 friend indeed. The family
 B.M. - Hammaras
 3481 - Dorchester Ave.

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May 29, 1936.

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Mr. B. MacNamara,
5481 Dorchester Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

I have received your card dated May 14, 1936,
in which your family and you extend your congratulations upon
the accomplishments of this Bureau.

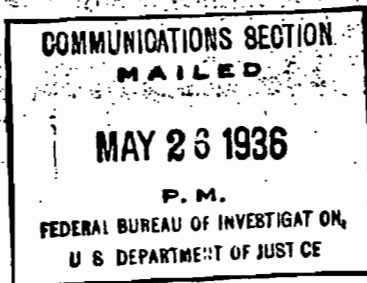
I want you to know that I am sincerely appreciative
of your commendatory statements concerning our work. It is indeed
encouraging to receive such an expression of approval and confidence
and I hope that our endeavors in law enforcement will continue to
merit your approbation.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
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2977 N. Bartlett Ave.
Milwaukee, Wis.

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

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Carson	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
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Mr. Joseph	✓
Mr. Keith	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓

Dear Sir,

I have just heard
Smith's tribute to you
the radio, and am acting
upon her suggestion that
the people of the United
States let you know how
they feel about the fine
work done by your
department.

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serve under you have put
into your job hard work,
honesty and fearlessness, and
you have succeeded gloriously.
Your record will serve always
as an example to those who
value courage and truth.

I am only one of millions
of citizens who are grateful
to you.

Sincerely,
Dorothy G. Wilcox
(Mrs. W. Gordon Wilcox)

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May 22, 1936.

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Mrs. W. Gordon Wilson,
2977 North Bartlett Avenue,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

I have received your letter of May 13, 1936, and want you to know how deeply appreciative I am for the commendatory statement you so graciously make concerning the work of this Bureau.

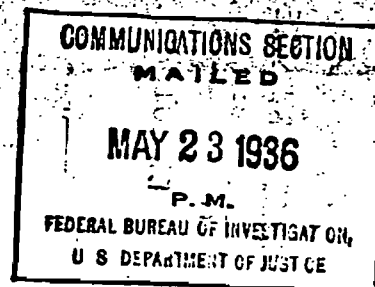
It is most encouraging to receive such an expression of approval and confidence. Those of us in the Bureau hope that our endeavors to attain an improvement in the crime situation will continue to merit the approbation of all the good citizens of this country. With their co-operation much can be done.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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HOTEL Bolton Square
 CLEVELAND AVENUE at EAST 89th STREET CLEVELAND, OHIO

Mr. Nathan	
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Baughman	
Chief Clerk	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Edwards	
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Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

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

Dear Sir:-

Recommendation - Chas. H. Harbo

Frankly I think it a pity one must admit they had to wait for a reminder for one fine Kate Smith before dropping a word of praise for the four, yes four hundred and four star, piece of work by yourself and your men. Whatever one might write in your praise could hardly be enough -

Sincerely

Chas. H. Harbo

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May 25, 1936.

Mr. George M. Irving,
Hotel Dalton Square,
Carnegie Avenue at East 89th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Irving:

I have received your letter of May 13,
and want to express my sincere appreciation for
the commendatory statements which you so graciously
make concerning the accomplishments 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
confidence.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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May 14, 1936
2531 Chatham St.
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

I am just a housewife who expects to have a family someday & want to write & tell you how much I respect you for the work you are doing & how much safer I am making the U.S. for our future generation. I at one time worked in the Juvenile Court at Jackson Mich. & have some idea of your great responsibility & work. I again want to express my humble admiration with you the best of luck & continued success.

Yours truly,
Mrs. L. H. W. Allen

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Mrs. L. E. Weeks,
2531 Chatham Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Weeks:

I have received your card of May 14, 1936,
and want you to know how grateful I am for the commendatory
statements which you so graciously make concerning the work
of this Bureau and my administration of it.

Such an expression of approval and confidence
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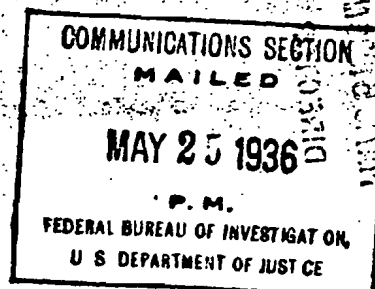
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.
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Capt. John West
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New Orleans
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Dear Sir

✓
Kindly allow me the
privilege to drop you a few lines.
first of all I will introduce myself
on paper. My name is Capt John West
Master of the S/S Hawa running between
New Orleans and Mexico. I was sitting in
my cabin at sea on Wednesday evening
listening to the Kate Smith programme
and she stated that the public should drop
you a line thanking you for making the
country safe to live in. Well Sir I have
always admired you for your previous
good work, I also feel safe when I am
at sea knowing that my wife and children
are safe, when we had such a brilliant
man as you at the head of a department
which is making the country sit up and
take notice, of your wonderful good
work.

Wishing you everlasting success and
good health.

Capt John West
3610. Banks St
New Orleans.

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May 23, 1936.

Captain John West,
3610 Banks Street,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Captain West:

Your letter was received on May 15, 1936, and I want to express my sincerest appreciation for the commendatory statements which you make concerning the accomplishments of this Bureau and my administration of it. It is most encouraging to receive such an expression of approval and confidence and I trust that our work will always merit your approbation.

Permit me also to thank you for your wishes for my personal success and health.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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FRANK ODOM
MANAGER

Mayflower

APARTMENT HOTEL

425 W. ORMSBY AVENUE

Louisville, Ky.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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In the deepest gratitude will you and your true men, accept my thanks for your wonderful achievements in the line of duty.

It gives our people pride also, that our able Judge Kauntton did his part in about 3 minutes, sentencing, or less than 48 hours from capture in California to see him Atlanta. (Move truck etc out.)

Very truly
J. A. Woolfolk

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May 25, 1936.

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Mr. J. A. Woolfolk,
The Mayflower,
425 West Grubbs Avenue,
Louisville, Kentucky.

Dear Mr. Woolfolk:

I have received your letter of May 14, 1936,
and want to express my gratefulness for the commendatory
statements which you so graciously make concerning the work
of this Bureau.

The confidence which such citizens as you
display in our work is indeed a source of encouragement for
all of us in the Bureau. It is our sincerest desire that
our endeavors in law enforcement will continue to merit the
approbation of all good citizens.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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1224 N. 56th St.
West Phila. Pa.
May 14th 1936

My dear Mr. Hoover:—
Please
pardon the liberty I am
taking in addressing a few
lines to you, but I am im-
pelled by the admiration and
gratitude I feel to you and
your boys for making the
good old U.S.A a safer
place in which to live, and
if I were not 83 years old
I would enlist the co-oper-
ation of every citizen to tender
you a testimonial worthy of
your heroism. It is very

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 Mr. Tracy ✓
 Miss Gandy ✓

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gratifying to listen on the
 Radio to the well earned
 compliments of tender to you
 and your boys and Scotland
 Yard, and the Canadian
 Mounted have nothing on you
 so good luck to you all, and
 I assure you I would consider
 it an honor to receive a line
 from you if this reaches you.

Very cordially Yours
 (Mrs. E. B.) Edna Springer
 1224 N 5th St.
 West Phila Pa.

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Mrs. E. H. Springer,
1224 North 56th Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mrs. Springer:

I have received your letter of May 14, 1936, and want to express my gratefulness for the commendatory statements which you so graciously make concerning the Special Agents of this Bureau and me. Such an expression of approval and confidence is a great source of encouragement to the men connected with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is our sincere hope that our endeavors to improve the present crime situation will continue to merit the approbation of all good citizens.

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

New Brighton, Pa.
May 14, 1936

My Dear Mr. Hoover;

I wish to congratulate
you and your men for their
splendid work in the extermination
of gangsters in this country.
Every true American will
stand back of you in this
fine work.

With best wishes and
success.

I remain,

L. V. Schamm
1621-4, St.

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Mr. L. V. Schramm,
1621 Fourth Street,
New Brighton, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Schramm:

I have received your letter of May 14, 1936,
and want to express my sincere appreciation for the commendatory
statements which you so graciously make concerning the accom-
plishments of this Bureau.

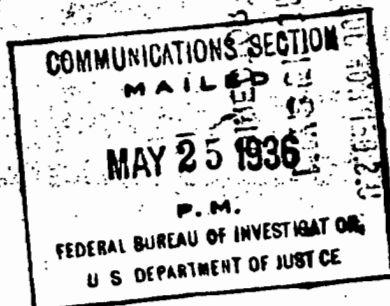
The confidence which you and so many of our
citizens have displayed in this Bureau's endeavors in law en-
forcement is indeed a source of great encouragement and I
hope that our work will continue to merit the approbation
of all good citizens.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Dear Sir:

Allow me
to congratulate you and
your men on your
noble work of making
America safe for am-
ericans. The published
newspaper clippings I think
gives a true lead as to
the next class who should
be curbed.

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Yours truly
J. T. [Signature]
1217 [Address] Pittsburgh Pa

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'Hunky Joe' Scolded at Numbers Hearing

Magistrate Weighs Holding of Two For Court

Magistrate Michael Stancati lost two hours over the week-end.

Daylight time took one; Hunky Joe Lewandowski took the other. Hunky Joe, broad-faced, 48-year-old advisor to Mayor McNair, was called before Stancati yesterday in Oakland Police Court, along with William Irving, 37.

TECHNICAL CHARGES

Joe was charged with operating a lottery, Irving with violating a city ordinance banning numbers.

Those were the technical charges. Actually, their sin was that they hadn't paid F. C. Hunter's fine.

Hunter, 46, a jeweler, of 4419 Chatsworth Avenue, was fined \$100 March 11, after police had found a clockful of lottery tickets in his jewelry store at 4842 Second Avenue, Hazelwood.

He asked Irving for the money.

ACCUSES TWO

Irving, of 416 Mansion Street, sent him to Hunky Joe. Hunky Joe sent him back. He shuffled a while, and finally got \$80 from Hunky Joe.

When he didn't get the other \$20, Hunter told police that Irving was the pickup man, and Hunky Joe the operator of an East End pool.

Joe arrived an hour late for the hearing, 10 minutes after Woods Run police had been told to bring him in.

Magistrate Stancati scolded



'HUNKY JOE' LEWANDOWSKI

JOHN SHAUGHNESSY

F. C. HUNTER

WARREN VAN KIRK

They are pictured in Magistrate's court yesterday when "Hunky Joe" was arrested on a charge involving the numbers

racket of which he is reputed "big shot." He was released on bond after the conclusion of the hearing.

him, but Hunky Joe looked fatigued and mumbled:

"I over-sleep."

His attorney, Warren Van Kirk, interposed soothingly:

"I think Hunky Joe was feeling a little low last night and took a little too much."

Hunter testified about the \$20. The magistrate asked:

"Did he say he had been hard

hit?"

"Yes, he said he had been beat out of \$1,500."

GOOD FRIENDS, HE SAYS

Reproachfully, the magistrate turned to Joe:

"Joe, did you ever say you were going to have dinner with me?"

"No, I do not say such thing. I say to Hunter, you put in fix,

not me. I did say you and me good friends. Your honor, ask him what got him to have me arrest."

Hunter bristled:

"Nobody asked me. I told Irving I was coming up to No. 4 if I didn't get that money. I'm still out \$20."

The magistrate decided:

"Well, I believe we have enough evidence to hold both

for court. I want to look over the testimony to be sure there are no loop-holes."

WHERE'S THE MAYOR

Philosophically, Hunky Joe squeezed his big frame into his car and drove away, presumably toward his attractive home at 6416 Forward Avenue.

And everybody wondered where Mayor McNair was. He usually gets in on things like this.

International News Photo by Sun-Telegraph.

Zioncheck at It Again, Pays for Speed, 'Abuse'

Playboy Legislator Caught Seattle Friends Tell How
In Alexandria, Va., Western Congressman
'Doing Sixty'

By The United Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va., May 1—Representative Marion (Who, Me?) Zioncheck, honeymooning "bad boy" of Congress, was fined \$50 and costs today for reckless driving along the Mt. Vernon Highway and \$10 and costs for "abusive language" to the arresting officer.

The Washington Democrat did not appear in police court but was represented by Maurice Rosenberg, state representative to the Virginia Assembly. Mr. Rosenberg paid the fines.

The Seattle Congressman, in his latest brush with the law climaxing a series of comic misadventures, was charged with speeding 62 miles an hour through Alexandria and with cursing the arresting officer. Recently he paid a \$45 fine for driving 70 miles on a Washington avenue.

Released On Bond

The whereabouts of Mr. Zioncheck and his bride of three days was a mystery today. He said yesterday they were en route to Florida for a two-weeks honeymoon. Police quoted her as saying they were "just out for a little drive."

After spending two hours locked in Alexandria police headquarters Mr. Zioncheck was released upon bond.

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"Then," said Mr. Ellmore, "he was outside the city

By The United Press

SEATTLE, May 1—Representative Marion Anthony Zioncheck got the way he is in college, his friends here recalled today as they discussed his latest goings-on in the national capital.

Eight years ago, the records show, the Washington Democrat, now 36, earned a reputation as a "campus carper" at the state university. He raised a great shout against "extra" expenditures for the \$600,000 Washington pavilion.

A group of students seized him at a campus meeting where he was giving vent to "radical" oratory, clipped his head, stripped him and duked his chunky body in the lake.

Wins Presidency

Nevertheless, the Polish immigrant boy made good and emerged from the lake to win election to the student presidency. From then on he was in politics.

His friends and relatives attribute his mixups with the capital police to a militant get-a-kick-out-of-life philosophy. He just wanted to see what would happen, they explained, that time when he displaced a switchboard operator and rang all the bells in a Washington apartment house.

The same impulse prompted him to drive 70 miles an hour down Connecticut Ave. in his sports roadster—he wanted to see what the police would do.

His sister, Mrs. W. J. Nadeau of Seattle, had another explanation.

"I guess Marion has turned cynic," she said. "He's probably found that Congress isn't all it's cracked up to be."

Future Bright

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"Marion just seems to have gone haywire politically. It's too bad, too, because he had a bright future. The only way he could win out now would be to have about 20 other Democrats enter against him in the September primary."

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"Then," said Mr. Ellmore, "he claimed he was outside the city limits and I was out of my jurisdiction. I said 'I could follow you to Richmond.'"

Mr. Ellmore then asked for Mr. Zioncheck's driver's license, he said, and the Congressman pulled out a lot of papers with the remark:

"Find it yourself."

Bride Ends Deadlock

There was some glaring between the two men while Mrs. Zioncheck kept telling her husband, "Oh please, don't say any more. Keep quiet."

She ended the deadlock by finding the license.

Mr. Ellmore added that on the way to the station house Mr. Zioncheck drove 40 miles an hour and almost outdistanced him.

Mr. Zioncheck's version differed.

He said he was rolling along and no sooner had he entered Alexandria than he noticed the motorcycle policeman.

Admits Doing 60

"Well," said Mr. Zioncheck, "I couldn't keep my eye on my speedometer, my wife and the cop too. So I just went along with the traffic. But he followed. I said to myself, 'here's another cop who wants publicity.' Then I thought I was outside the limits and I gave her the gun. I guess I was going 60 all right."

"Disorderly conduct? I just kidded the cop. I told him his motorcycle wouldn't last much longer and its brakes weren't worth a damn."

As anti-climax to the court escapade the House roared in amusement when the clerk read a request from Mr. Zioncheck for an "unlimited leave of absence because of official business." It was granted, unanimously.

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At 36 he's the most discussed man in Washington, and most of the discussion is being carried on by politicians—Republican and Democrat—hope to take his scalp.

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Want Ad Headquarters, Court 4508

'HUNKY JOE' FORKS OUT \$100 NUMBERS FINE



Joseph "Hunky Joe" Lewandowski, one-time adviser to Mayor William H. McNair, was prompt in paying his way out of Oakland Police Court with a \$100 numbers fine today, although he insisted he had quit the racket long ago and accused Inspector Joseph Walker of being "out to get me." Magistrate Michael Stancati, who had promised to hold Joe for court or free him, sternly rebuked the erstwhile South Side "baron" with: "Let me set you straight on that. I believe you are in the numbers racket and it was not Inspector Walker who ordered you arrested." Lewandowski was arrested on an information filed by a man fined on a numbers charge who said Lewandowski was supposed to pay his fine and didn't. The camera caught "Hunky Joe" as he was paying today's fine to Sergt. J. H. Keenan.

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May 25, 1936.

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Mr. W. T. Parr,
1217 Itan Street, N. S.,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Parr:

I have received your letter of May 12, 1936, with which you enclosed two clippings entitled "Kioncheck at It Again, Pays for Speed, 'Abuse,'" and "Bunky Joe" Scolded at Numbers Hearing."

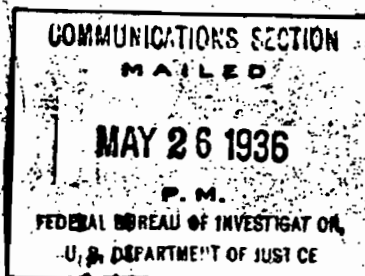
I want to sincerely thank you for your commendatory statements concerning the accomplishments of this Bureau. It is very encouraging to receive such an expression of approval.

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

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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May 14th, 1936.

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been following the wonderful work you have been doing in bringing to justice the notorious gangs which have operated in all parts of our country and I am taking this occasion to express my gratitude to you and your most efficient department.

You deserve the thanks of every law abiding citizen of the United States.

Yours very sincerely,

Wayne A. Lee

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Wayne A. Lee,
104 N. 4th St.,
St. Louis, Mo.

c/o National Surety Corporation -

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Mr. Wayne A. Lee,
National Surety Corporation,
104 North 4th Street,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Lee:

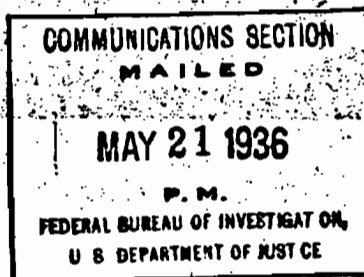
I have received your letter of May 14, 1936,
and want to express my sincerest appreciation for
your commendatory statements concerning the work of
this Bureau. It is indeed encouraging to receive such
an expression of approval and confidence and I hope
that our work will continue to merit your approbation.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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A.J. ENGELMAN
General Insurance
1776 Broadway
New York

May 15th, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover: - RE: NATIONAL RADIO POLICE
COMMUNICATION SERVICE

I was very glad to note in this morning's Press that
intercity Radio Police Communications Systems are being
established throughout the United States, as per my letter
of last year.

I would thank you to kindly advise me who is installing
this system, and whether or not it will include facsimile
Radio transmission. I trust that this will not be asking
too much of you, and I wish at the same time to extend
my good wishes to you in the great work that you are
doing in apprehending the so-called "Rats at Large".

Yours very respectfully,

S/ A.J. ENGELMAN

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May 25, 1936.

Mr. A. J. Engelman,
General Insurance,
1776 Broadway,
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Engelman:

I am in receipt of your letter of May 15, 1936 in which you refer to information in the current press concerning the development of an intercity police radio network. It is my understanding that this system is one being advocated by the Associated Police Communication Officers and this Bureau is unable to furnish any information as to whether facsimile reproduction will be utilized in connection with this system.

You may be able to obtain the information which you seek by communicating with Captain Robert L. Batts, President, Associated Police Communication Officers, care of Police Department, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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BENJAMIN DANSEN, JR.
COMMISSIONER
PETER J. BICCARDI
CHIEF



HEADQUARTERS
BERGEN COUNTY POLICE
COURT HOUSE ANNEX
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY

May 14th. 1936

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Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

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

Dear Sir:

Congratulations on the exceptionally good work by the Bureau in the most recent cleanup. Too bad there was no target practice attendant to the captures.

Your letter of May 5th. 1936 relative to a visit to the Bureau by Mr. Koester and his son is before me and I believe you would be pleased to know their reactions.

Mr. Koester is, as were many of his ancestors, an Annapolis man, and quite naturally he and his son looked forward to their visit to the Naval Academy as the outstanding feature of their trip. According to the report given me by Mr. Koester upon his return, both he and his son agreed that the trip through the Bureau was by far the most interesting and instructive part of the vacation. Mr. Koester's son has since been called on by the principal of Teaneck High School to explain to the student body assembled in the auditorium, the equipment and operation of the Bureau. The boys talk so impressed the students that he has since had numerous inquiries as to the procedure attendant to such a visit.

Mr. Koester has requested that I convey to you his sincere thanks for the courteous treatment accorded him and his son by the members of the Bureau with whom he came in contact, and inform you that he deeply appreciates the interest shown in his behalf. Needless to say that I am pleased with the cooperation extended me.

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Hoping you have entirely recovered from your recent illness and with kindest personal regards I am,

MAY 27 1936

Respectfully yours,

MAY 16 1936

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J. Edgar Hoover
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Chas. O. Karpis

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Lieutenant Matthew J. Donohue,
Bergen County Police,
Court House Annex,
Hackensack, New Jersey.

Dear Lieutenant Donohue:

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

I want you to know how much I appreciate your thought in writing me. I am glad to know that Mr. Fred Koester of Hackensack, New Jersey, and his son enjoyed their visit to the Bureau on April 27. As I wrote you on May 3, it was a pleasure to have them as visitors.

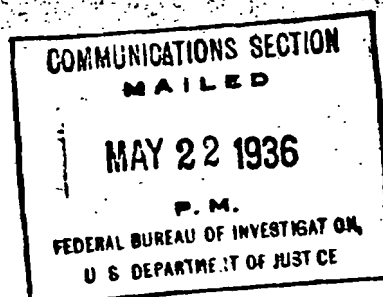
I am glad to be able to tell you that I have fully recovered from my recent illness and am enjoying excellent health.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Alvin Karpis - commutation

1917 Cypress Ave. S.W.
Cleveland Ohio
May 14, 1936

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

We wish to congratulate
you upon your wonderful work
accomplished of late. We are behind
you. We are proud to have you at
the head of the "G-Men." ~~Keep it up.~~
Very sincerely, Mr. & Mrs. Henry J. Zell

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Mr. Harold Daisell,
1917 Cypress Avenue, Southwest,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Daisell:

I have the card which Mrs. Daisell and you addressed to me on May 14, 1936, and I want to express my sincere appreciation for the commendatory statements which you so graciously make concerning the recent accomplishments of this Bureau and my administration of it.

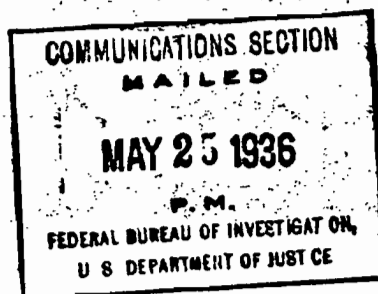
Such an expression of approval and confidence is indeed a source of great encouragement.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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COMMITTEE ON
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Washington, D. C.
 May 4th, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:--

I congratulate you on the great work done
 by you and your associates in capturing Karpis.
 You have a great many friends in the Congress -(of
 whom I am one) - and they are all very proud of the
 wonderful record you are making in breaking up the
 crime gang.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Capper

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Honorable Arthur Capper,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senators:-

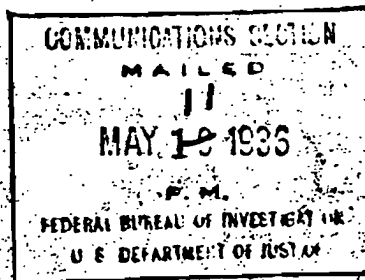
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I appreciate very much your kind letter of May 4th extending your congratulations upon the apprehension of Alvin Karpis by representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It was very kind indeed of you to write to me. I cherish your approbation of the work which we are trying to do in the Federal Bureau of Investigation in dealing with organized crime throughout the country and it is a source of satisfaction to have your personal support.

With expressions of my high esteem and kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Dear Mr. Hoover/-

I will send you the autographed original of the attached cartoon tomorrow.

The sentiment expressed in the inclosed editorial is quite typical of the remarks that have been heard on all sides since the capture of Karpis. May I offer my congratulations, too!

Shivers. (S)

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Shinn

PITTSBURGH PRESS

May 4, 1936

OTHER PUBLIC ENEMIES

KILLER KARPIS, Public Enemy No. 1, having been taken alive without a shot, William Mahan, the Weyerhauser kidnaper, assumes the uneasy crown of his successor.

The Karpis capture sheds new luster on the Justice Department's capable agents, known as the G-Men. One after another the big shots of America's gangdom have crumpled under their unrelenting drive. Seldom has this country seen such efficiency as J. Edgar Hoover's Federal policemen are displaying.

This sensational record for crime detection only emphasizes more glaringly the weaknesses in our law enforcement system that make much of their work futile. We refer particularly to our medieval reformatories and prisons where young men are schooled in crime, to the misuse of the "unwalled prisons" of probation and parole, to the social sink-holes where lawlessness spawns.

Karpis was an alumnus of both a high school and college of crime. At 16 he was sentenced to 10 years in a reformatory for stealing auto tires. There he is said to have learned safe-cracking and the other arts of his craft. In Kansas State Penitentiary he was tutored by one of the criminal sons of "Ma" Kate Barker, specialist in robbery, kidnaping and murder.

It was after he was paroled, however, that he made his reputation. Facing a four-year sentence in 1931 for burglary, he was paroled by a kindly, but misguided, Oklahoma judge. A month later he had committed a murder and was well along on his career as bank robber, kidnaper and killer.

Karpis, it happened, was not a child of the American city alums, but most of his fraternity are—and with them he fraternized. No program of crime suppression will succeed that does not deal with the things that go with extreme poverty—malnourishment, illiteracy, child neglect, the hovels and tenements that millions of families must call homes.

It is an amazing paradox that the Federal arm may reach unhindered into states and cities, there to detect and capture criminals—but when this same Federal arm seeks to improve those social conditions in states and cities that grow the seeds of crime it is stopped by the courts as an unconstitutional invasion of states' rights.

Shivers

POST OFFICE BOX 1525
PITTSBURGH, PA.

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Mr. R. L. Shivers,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 1525,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Shivers:

Many thanks for your congratulatory
note of May 5th relative to the capture of
Karpis.

I was very much impressed by both the
cartoon and the editorial which you inclosed.
The original of the cartoon also arrived today
and I want you to know how appreciative I am
of your thoughtfulness in obtaining it and
sending it in.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
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Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE ~~NATIONAL~~ BROADCASTING COMPANY ON
YOUR SUPERB WORK OF THE LAST FEW DAYS

WILLIAM ~~LUNDELL~~. 144P.

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Mr. E. A. Tamm
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May 11, 1936.

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Mr. William Lundell,
National Broadcasting Company, Inc.,
RCA Building,
30 Rockefeller Plaza,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Lundell:

I have received the telegram which you so thoughtfully sent me expressing the approbation of the National Broadcasting Company relative to the work of this Bureau in effecting the apprehension of several well-known criminals. It is a real sustaining factor to us here to know that our efforts in the interest of law enforcement meet with your approval and I am deeply appreciative of your kindness in writing as you did.

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

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

As of possible interest, there is attached a copy of an editorial entitled "The Harpis Reward," which appeared in the Indianapolis News for April 25, 1936.

Respectfully,

**John Edgar Hoover,
Director.**

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Handwritten signature: *W. A. R.*

INDIANAPOLIS NEWS
Stephen C. Noland, Ed.
April 25, 1936

THE KARPIS REWARD

Having tried unsuccessfully for two years to arrest Alvin Karpis, rated now as Public Enemy No. 1, and Harry Campbell, another elusive fugitive, the department of justice has resorted to the device which turned up John Dillinger and Baby Face Nelson — the offer of a substantial reward. In this instance, however, the reward is offered only for information leading to the arrest of the fugitives — \$5,000 for Karpis and \$2,500 for Campbell. There is no bonus for the arrest of the men. Attorney-General Cummings said that the offer of additional rewards for arrests may lead to costly mistakes or to negotiations for which the department can not be responsible. Its agents prefer to investigate information and act on their own judgment and in their own way.

It is noteworthy that although the department has had a substantial sum for this purpose for some years, it has made little use of the plan. It has properly elected to rely on its own agents and the co-operation of state and local peace

officers. The notion is that the people should be encouraged to believe that the constituted law enforcement authorities can do the job if properly encouraged by a grant of ample authority and fair treatment as public employees engaged in a hazardous service to the people.

The reward system is not without its dangers. If a standing reward is posted for a specific kind of law violation, there is a tendency to encourage crooks to frame victims in order to procure the reward. And in all kinds of rewards, there is a probability of dissatisfaction over the distribution of the money. Frequently the payment is held up for a long time by claimants resorting to court action for what they believe to be their rights. The various state Dillinger rewards were so involved. However, the plan is much better than the exposure of courageous agents to the dangers involved in an extensive chase, and in most instances it is less costly. If the rewards bring Karpis and Campbell into custody, the department will get nothing but praise for its success.

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J EDGAR HOOVER

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DEPT OF JUSTICE

WOULD LIKE ON WEDNESDAY GANGBUSTERS PROGRAM TO EXPRESS
CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND FEDERAL BUREAU FOR CAPTURE OF
ALVIN KARPIS SUGGESTED WORDING FOLLOWS BUT IF YOU
CARE TO HAVE REWORDED OR CHANGED ANY WOULD BE GLAD TO
COMPLY STOP INCIDENTALLY IF WE CAN MAKE ANY STATEMENT

REGARDING PENSIONS FOR FEDERAL BUREAU AGENTS OR WIDOWS WILL
BE GLAD TO DO SO IN FUTURE STOP IF YOU WISH HAVE US DO

THIS WOULD PREFER HAVE SUGGESTIONS OF WHAT IS ADVISABLE

TO SAY FROM YOU STOP QUOTATION FOLLOWS LAST WEEK AMONG

OTHER CLUES ON GANGBUSTERS WE BROADCAST DESCRIPTION

ALVIN KARPIS IN ATTEMPT WHELP LOCATE HIM BUT MR. J EDGAR

HOOVER AND HIS SPECIAL AGENTS WERE HOT ON HIS TRAIL

AND LAST THURSDAY CAPTURED KARPIS ALIVE IT WAS BEAUTIFUL

PIECE OF WORK AND WE WISH TO CONGRATULATE

MR. HOOVER AND ENTIRE FORCE OF FEDERAL BUREAU OF

INVESTIGATION UNQUOTE VERY SINCERELY

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

MAY 5, 1936

Transmit the following message to:

PHILLIPS H LORD
301 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

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REPLYING YOUR WIRE CONCERNING GAMEBUSTERS PROGRAM ON WEDNESDAY
EVENING VERY KIND OF YOU TO MENTION WORK OF FEDERAL BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION IN KARPIS CASE. FEEL WORDING SUGGESTED QUITE
SATISFACTORY. IF YOU DESIRE TO DO SO WOULD BE HELPFUL TO STATE
LEGISLATION TO GIVE OUR SPECIAL AGENTS THE BENEFITS OF RETIREMENT
NOW PENDING IN CONGRESS AND EXPRESSING HOPE THAT FAVORABLE ACTION
WILL BE TAKEN SINCERELY

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

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May 8/36

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:--

While I've always been (as an American Citizen 100%) Keenly interested in your department's exploits and the tremendously efficient handling of our country's major crimes, this last one the Karpis clean up--intrigues me - to the extent I am of the firm belief you are the man America needs as its President and with a similiar running mate, I believe you two would get a great public acclaim from Democrats & Republicans. While I am strictly no politician crook etc etc. I however do know many influential & rich people who voice my sentiments and I feel assured would do every thing possible to speed your career, if you would accept the challenge to run in this capacity. If too late now maybe in 1940?

Most sincerely,

Geo. C. McKibbin. (S)

78 Hawthorne St.
Brooklyn, N. Y.

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May 3/6
J. Edgar Hoover
Director Federal Bureau Investigation.
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover; —

While I've always been (as
an American Citizen 100%) keenly
interested in your department & the
and the tremendously efficient
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would get a great public acclaim
from Democrats & Republicans.
While I am strictly no politician
crank etc etc. I however do know
many influential & rich people
who voice my sentiments - and I feel
assured would do every thing possible
to speed your career, if you would
accept the challenge of ^{to} run in
this capacity. ^{too late now} ^{may be 1940?}
Most Sincerely
78 Hawthorne St. Geo. B. McKishin
Baltimore, Md.

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Mr. George C. McKibbin,
78 Hawthorne Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Mr. McKibbin:

I have your letter of May 3, and want
to thank you for your expressions of confidence in
this Bureau and in me.

It is indeed gratifying to know that the
Bureau enjoys the support of citizens throughout
the country, and I deeply appreciate your writing
me.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

Dear Sir:

I am with you 100% in your war on racketeers and kidnappers, and congratulate you on the splendid work that your Department has been doing. I have made several comments on this line in my newspaper and also strongly favor adequate appropriation for you to continue the good work you are doing.

However, I believe that Federal Judge Robert L. Williams of Muskogee, Oklahoma, made a mistake in condemning to death Arthur Gooch for the kidnapping of the two Paris, Texas, police officers.

As I understand the case the officers were not hurt nor held for ransom, and Arthur Gooch had not planned to kidnap them. Of course he should be punished for committing a serious offense, but I believe it will cause a great deal of resentment to execute this youth and would do more harm in the end than good.

This is the first letter I have ever written in behalf of such a criminal, but I believe that I speak for many thousands of other people who think as I do in this case and from comments I have seen in newspapers I believe the commuting of this sentence would be commended.

I am

Yours very truly,

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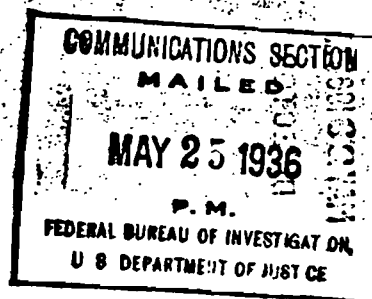
Dear Mr. Hornby:

I have received your letter of May 13, 1936, and sincerely appreciate the expressions of commendation which you have made for the work being performed by this Bureau. It is my sincere hope that the Bureau will continue to merit the support of all public-spirited citizens.

With reference to your expressed belief that the sentence of death imposed at Muskogee, Oklahoma, upon Arthur Gooch for the kidnaping of two Paris police officers is too severe, I must inform you that this Bureau, of course, does not attempt to exercise any influence upon the judicial officers whose duty it is to prosecute or sentence persons appearing in the Federal Courts. The jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is solely investigative and the Bureau does not attempt to influence either the prosecuting attorney or the Judge in whose court the subject of the Bureau's investigations are tried. The sentence to be imposed upon a particular subject is a matter which must be determined solely by the trial Judge.

Sincerely yours,

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I want to congratulate you on the recent capture of the three well-known menaces of society. Your individual bravery was greatly admired by my fellow associates and me. People have finally come to the conclusion, I believe, that the department of Justice is the most efficient protection in the whole world.

While at large, such men as Karpis, Campbell, and Robinson keep people in a constant fear, for they know not where or whence one of these public enemies might strike. I do, however, think that this fear has been quelled a great deal by the bravery and brilliant efficiency of your great department.

It is too bad that we have to have such men go wrong, but I know it can't be avoided. I do hope that in time, young men thoughtlessly embarking on the road of crime will see that it does not pay.

I feel confident that your excellent work will continue to be a benefit to society.

Truly yours

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Mr. Sherman J. Tooling,
1938 Evergreen Road,
Homewood, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Tooling:

Thank you for your kind letter of May 13th, expressing congratulations upon the recent work of the representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It was kind of you to write to me and I trust the work of this Bureau will continue to merit your approbation.

Sincerely yours,

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

Dear Sir:- You will please
pardon this "fan" note but I
have been so interested in
your game of relentless pursuit
of the "dirty rats" that I
wanted to say a word of
appreciation of your work
recently accomplished.

As a father of six children
I thank you most heartily for
efforts to rid this country
of the criminal
passer to you. And may our

Rip Van Winkle Senators wake up
and do the same.

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and hear of your accomplish-
ments! The clippings from
some of the newspapers in
this section are enclosed to
give you some idea of public
sentiment here.

Best wishes for your continued
success in your work is I
am sure the earnest wish
of millions of Americans, to
which I subscribe most
heartily

Yours truly
J. H. Hedges

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HOOVER'S REMARKABLE SUCCESS.

J. Edgar Hoover, who is regarded by many as a man of mystery risen overnight to clean up major national crime is neither man of mystery nor a product of the hour, though of necessity his methods are on the side of secrecy that may give the appearance of mystery. He is just a good business man, applying business methods to his work of running down large-time criminals who have offended federal law. He has been a success because he prepared himself for success through long training; and because a nation shocked into full support got behind him with laws permitting the entrance of armed operatives vested with power of arrest to take the field against certain types of criminals specializing in kidnaping and other major crimes of force.

As for Mr. Hoover himself, he is a personable character, meticulous in dress, of medium height, close to stoutness and as un-detective-looking as a librarian, which he was—in the capacity of clerk—until he entered service in the Department of Justice after winning his law degree. In 1924 he was placed in charge of the Justice Department's Bureau of Investigation, replacing William J. Burns. Even as tied and bound as the directorship was by tradition and restrictions of law, it was a sizable assignment for a man of 29. The "D. J." men of that day did not have power of arrest, had no authority to carry weapons and were powerless to act with directness that was in any way suited to the need. So Mr. Hoover moved along as best he could, meanwhile preparing himself for what was to be the deluge.

The Lindbergh kidnaping provided the explosive that jarred the public and the lawmakers into action. Kidnaping was made a federal offense, a series of a dozen anticrime bills were recommended by Attorney General Cummings, the Division of Investigation was created by order of the President out of the Bureau of Investigation, Mr. Hoover continuing as director. So armed, the operatives sent forth on an adventure that has astounded the country, provided as they were not only with weapons suited to the weapons they must engage, but with broadened powers of pursuit and arrest. The results are too well known to require a new listing of the arrests and convictions or of criminals killed who resisted arrest. In fact, the list of major criminals wanted by the FBI had been checked to the last man when Thomas H. Robinson Jr., kidnaper of Mrs. Stoll at Louisville, was captured in California Monday.

For this remarkable rounding up of the full company of public enemies we have to thank Mr. Hoover, director of the "G-men," and designer of a program of crime-prevention that promises a new day for law and order in the United States. Nor should the public forget its continuing duty in order that gains already made be not lost. In the heat of his campaign against dangerous criminals, Mr. Hoover said and has repeated since that the main root of crime may be traced to "the shyster lawyers and other legal vermin," to the "legal shyster in law making," to the "crooked politicians" and "sob-sister judges." Not pleasant terms, but who could know better than Mr. Hoover how accurate they are.

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Mistaken Business

J. Edgar Hoover and his G-men have topped off a week and a half of rather sensational success by the bloodless capture of Thomas Robinson, Jr., wanted for the kidnapping and holding for ransom of a Louisville woman. The list of so-called public enemies is now cleared, and there remains only the less spectacular if no less important task of rounding up those who aided the men in evading the law as long as they did.

One outstanding fact in connection with the remarkable roundup is found in the fact that every name on the record is that of a man who should have been impounded by society for one reason or another long before he became so seriously involved in major crimes. If it was kindness that actuated the release of these men by pardon, on parole, or however, it was a desperately mistaken sort, as the event has tragically proved for everyone concerned. In Robinson's case, for example, it had been known for a long time that he was mentally or psychically so maladjusted as to make his freedom from some form of restraint a proposition as bad as he so conclusively proved it.

Karpis, Campbell, Mahan and Robinson are names now clear in the public consciousness that should reveal how very much worse than futile it is to exercise clemency on any except the firmest and soundest of practical grounds. Because these men, to say nothing of many others who could be named in the same category, were let loose on society when they could have been held, a veritable carnival of crime has been staged that included robbery, killing, kidnapping and no telling how much added cost to public treasuries. Nor should one forget the agonies of mind and body endured by the victims of these men and others like them. Consider, too, the fearful distress suffered by the relatives of the victims of these kidnapers, for it is an item that is properly included.

We are not insensible to the feelings of fathers and mothers and relatives and friends who come face to face with the fact that a young fellow has demonstrated his social unfitness and is condemned to spend a long term in prison. Neither are we unmindful, however, of the feelings of those on whom this same young fellow preys after sentimentalism or politics has served to relieve him of the penalty he has earned. We can, we think, understand something of the agony of spirit that must come to parents who see the blighting of their hopes in a boy, but we are also able to see that young Robinson is immeasurably worse off today himself, to say nothing of others who were involved for no fault of their own, than if he had been held, by whatever means were necessary, apart from a social order in which he was not disposed to behave himself.

There is no question but that we need a more realistic and intelligent attitude toward the handling of criminals in the matters of pardon and parole. It is cruel folly to release a man from the prison to which he has been justly sentenced without the finest assurances possible that he will not use that freedom merely to get himself into a situation far more serious, and it is the meanest injustice to those on whom he preys in the process.

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THE ROBINSON CASE

The end of the trail has come to Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., too.

It led from a devoted home whose ministry of affection, patience and sacrifice in the days of early youth he placed behind him, to the daring misdeeds that made him a fugitive from justice, a furtive figure of the underworld of crime, relentlessly tracked, and that finally saw him a manacled prisoner, hurried across the continent and placed behind the bars of the home city of the victim of his criminal cupidity.

The arrest of Robinson came as the climax of intensive efforts by the G-Men in the last two weeks to capture the few master minds among noted kidnapers of recent years who had escaped the toils of the law and were flitting from city to city, employing every device to baffle their pursuers.

The title of Public Enemy No. 1 was transferred from Alvin Karpis, captured in a far Southern city, to William Mahan, scarcely less notorious, and Harry Campbell, and then to the twenty-nine-year-old Robinson, who for nineteen months had been a figure of mystery which the best-trained sleuths of the Department of Justice could not locate. The disguise which he had so effectively used in his movements from the borderland of the South to the Pacific Coast finally failed him, however, under the observant eyes of a drugstore clerk, and in a few hours he found himself a guarded passenger on a swift airplane flight from California to Kentucky to face the threat of the electric chair.

Whatever may be the ultimate fate of this young man, his ill-gotten gains have brought only fear, disappointment and disgrace to himself, immeasurable sorrow to those who gave him birth, and who still cling to him to offer such service as is possible.

Again does he make proof that crime does not pay.

The arrest of Robinson wipes clean the slate of notorious kidnapers upon which the Federal Government several years ago declared war. The fate of bandits and kidnapers who had spread terror in centers of population and even small communities until none appeared to be immune to depredation has administered a check to those species of crime; but the law can afford no degree of relaxation.

The G-Men have displayed, as a rule, marked intelligence, as well as tireless energy and unvarying courage, in the pursuit of kidnapers. A case that originated in this community several years ago marked by boldness and atrocity remains unsolved to this day. If the G-Men should solve the mystery of the disappearance of the Distelhurst child, it would mark a triumph of justice that would be worthy of their best efforts, and which would receive the enduring appreciation of this entire community. Now that the other kidnaping crimes have been solved and the perpetrators punished, the Distelhurst case might appropriately receive attention.

The real Public Enemy No. 1 in the United States, it might be observed, has not been, nor is, an individual. The most serious menace to society, to the law, is a condition not a person—the failure of the public to realize, and to act upon, the realization, that prevention of crime is more effective as a solution to the great national problem of crime than is its punishment: the latter, in its primary effect, is personal, the former is a blow at the structure of the social order undermining its functioning and its worth.

The weakening authority of the home as an institution which must ever be the bedrock of educational forces, the increasing laxity of its discipline, the deprivation of life at its effect of an influence which must be buttressed in the creed and conduct of childhood, if it is to withstand the insidious advance of disrespect for law and for social obligations that the temptations of the coming years inevitably bring.

Does the school room realize the tremendously important part that it must take, if war on crime is to be successful, and its drain on the reserves of youth be deeply lessened?

What of the church? Are its counsels as specifically directed to impressing on childhood and youth—for it is here that the battle must be mainly fought—the individual and collective danger and destructiveness of disrespect for law, the sure and devastating consequences of its violation material as certain as spiritual? In a word, are the immeasurable resources of the church being thrown into action not only as an uplifting but educational force with clear realization that it must function as both?

Is public opinion as yet aroused to the point where it will sever the connection between crime and politics, where it will destroy the defenses which crime has shrewdly set up within the law, where it will realize that certainty of punishment is even more effective as a deterrent than severity of punishment?

Has that close coordination of effort between federal, state and local agencies which is absolutely essential to effective crime preventive policies, crime detection and punishment been accomplished? Is the Press doing its full duty?

Back of the G-Men, of local constabulary, however alert and determined, if the defiance and the damages of crime wrought in the social order and moral realm are to be overcome, must be Society itself aroused, determined, throwing into the struggle, for struggle it is and will be, all of its reserves of home, and school and church, of courts and public opinion, of humanitarian efforts, of enlightened legislation.

*Rev. N. Armstrong
Editor
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THE NASHVILLE BANNER
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THE LAW CATCHES UP

The long arm of the law, reaching here and there for the fugitive William Mahan for almost a year, finally claimed its own Thursday, and America's No. 1 Public Enemy for less than a week now goes back to Tacoma, Wash., to answer to the charge of kidnaping little George Weyerhaeuser, Jr.

Mahan's capture in San Francisco almost wipes clean the slate of kidnap cases. Thus does America redeem itself of a situation of crime unparalleled in modern annals. The lone remaining fugitive, Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., still evades pursuers.

Within a week the names of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Mahan have been stricken from the list of wanted men. The state prepares to exact payment for their misdeeds which run the gamut from banditry and kidnaping to murder.

It would be overly optimistic to presume that the record of apprehensions and convictions will end kidnapings. The criminal mind to an extent is impervious to reason. But the sudden wiping out of gangs, and the inexorable fight of cold and calculating men who have laid successful traps for wayward feet, will put a definite damper on crime so long as the present pace obtains.

The disgraceful conditions of an era of crime unprecedented in history have long reflected discredit on a nation representing itself as the superlative of efficiency in every known field. Other peoples have marveled that great America has failed so signally as a keeper of her own peace. Today, through elimination of the many barriers so long impeding justice, that condition is remedied. Citizens may draw a belated breath of relief. Justice has begun to reassert itself.

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Mr. F. E. Hudgens,
Union City, Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Hudgens:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated May 12, 1936, with which you enclosed copies of the editorials entitled "Hoover's Remarkable Success," from the St. Louis Globe Democrat; "Mistaken Kindness," from the Memphis Commercial Appeal; "The Robinson Case," from a recent issue of the Nashville Banner, and "The Law Catches Up," from the May 9, 1936, issue.

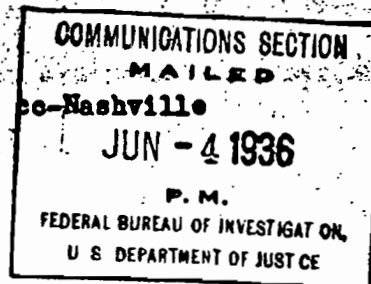
I want you to know how sincerely appreciative I am of your commendatory statements concerning the accomplishments of this Bureau. It is indeed encouraging to receive such expressions of approval, and I trust that our work will continue to merit your confidence.

I have read the four editorials with the greatest of interest and want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in calling them to my attention.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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Alvin Karpis - Commendation

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May 11, 1936.

Mr. Oliver J. Kaller,
Editor,
Post-Gazette,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Kaller:

I have just read with a great deal of interest the editorial entitled "Taking Glamour Out of Crime," which appeared in the May 7, 1936, issue of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

I want to thank you for your kindly references to the work of this Bureau in its recent apprehension of Alvin Karpis.

It is indeed encouraging to observe that our young people are beginning to idolize those engaged in law enforcement work rather than those engaged in criminal activities as they have been prone to do in previous years.

I sincerely believe that this change of sentiment will have a very salutary effect upon the criminal situation in the years to come.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 7, 1936.

Taking Glamour Out of Crime

THERE was major significance in the qualification added by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the G-Men, to his announcement of the taking of Karpis, notorious kidnaper who had managed to elude the authorities for two years. "We've captured Alvin Karpis, generally known as Public Enemy No. 1—but not to us."

When Mr. Hoover did not say who No. 1 public enemy to the Federal Bureau of Investigation might be, it was quickly assumed that possibly the highest rating Karpis—or any other desperado, for that matter—could get with the G-Men would be "Public Rat No. 1." No matter how clever or how audacious a criminal might be, it is the definite policy of the Department of Justice Bureau to depreciate him—publicly—and there is, of course, a most important reason behind this.

There was a time when the maudlin sentiment over so-called big-time criminals in this country was so marked that public opinion as a whole was reproached with charges of indifference to the condition. Certain it is that a wave of unjustified paroles swept over the country; some officers referred to desperate prisoners as their "pals," one even posing for a picture with an arm affectionately about Dillinger.

One of the first objectives of the G-Men was to smash that perverted sentiment and recall the country to proper support of the law. So Mr. Hoover lost no time in tearing into the "fiddle-faced reformers" and "convict lovers" who wove romances about spectacular murderers and bandits.

As for Karpis, who was never going to be taken alive and who was going to kill Hoover on sight—he was so scared when the law finally closed in on him that he couldn't talk. His was a false courage. Gangsters seldom have any real courage. They are all yellow dogs.

The only comment necessary—and it is of the utmost importance—is to note that more and more boys are now going to grow up to be G-Men.

POST-GAZETTE,
PITTSBURGH, PA.
THURSDAY,
May 7, 1936.

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Letter to Oliver J. Keller
5-11-36
5-8-36

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER= 326 1/2 POST OFFICE BLDG

DEPT OF JUSTICE POST OFFICE BLDG NRLNS=

THATS VERY FINE CONGRATULATIONS BUT YOU GOT TO STOP TAKING
CHANCES THAT WAY STOP PLEASE DONT GIVE MY REGARDS TO
MCKELLAR OR MISREPRESENTATIVE ZIONCHECK SEE YOU SOON=
WALTER W.

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Alvin O. Karpis - Communist

JEH:HCB/b

May 6, 1936.

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62-43010-43

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

Dear Walter:

Although I tried to tell you when I was with you how deeply appreciative I am of all the kind things you have said about me personally and about the Bureau incident to the capture of Alvin Karpis, I did want to write you a personal note to express my gratitude at the manner in which you covered this case particularly in your broadcast Sunday night.

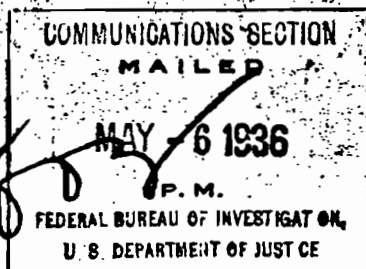
Also, your fine telegram of congratulations has been forwarded to me from New Orleans and I want to thank you for this - another indication of your thoughtfulness and kindness.

With very best regards, I am

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Harbo
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Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy



62-43010-43

May 9, 1936.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I thought you would be interested in the following matters which I wanted to pass on before I left the city again Sunday, May 10th, for about four days:

I saw Special Agent in Charge Ladd at Chicago yesterday and passed on to him the information concerning the possible changes in the Chicago Police Department. I phoned Mr. Evans, whose father-in-law is very seriously ill. I then contacted Emory J. Smith, who some time ago stated he had wanted to see me. We had lunch together and Lieutenant John Howe joined us, apparently at Smith's invitation. Mr. Wilson of the Northwestern Laboratory also was present. Mr. Smith had nothing special to discuss, other than to make inquiry concerning the IAI convention at which he is to give a talk. After luncheon, Howe, who works directly out of Commissioner Allman's office, and who is quite close to Allman, told me that he believed Captain Gilbert will be moved very shortly from Courtney's detail. Howe also added that Kelly and Courtney were drifting farther apart. He feels that Kelly will do his best to defeat Courtney this fall because he fears Courtney's political influence and probably feels also that Courtney is ambitious. I gave this information to Mr. Ladd also.

With Howe I went to Commissioner Allman's office. Allman was absolutely delighted that you had participated in the arrest of Karpis and Campbell. In fact, he has never evinced such enthusiasm or been so talkative. He said he thought your action effectively silenced Senator McKellar's criticisms but he added that he hoped you would not conduct too many raids personally, since he did not feel you should subject yourself to this risk. While in Allman's office I took occasion to give him a copy of "The Illinois Policeman", the magazine which contained portions of my talk before Governor Horner's last Crime Conference, in which I praised Allman and Inspector Evans. Allman thanked me kindly for this copy. He stated then that he had intended to mention to me that some newspaper men had phoned him recently quoting you as having stated that several Mid-Western cities were corrupt and uncooperative. I told Allman that I was confident you did not intend to direct this criticism at him because you, according to the papers, had purposely commended him just a short time before. He said he realized this fact and had so told the newspaper reporters. I took occasion to assure Commissioner Allman specifically that if any misunderstanding arose with reference to your feeling concerning his efficiency, I felt confident you would definitely

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correct it. He seemed extremely pleased to hear this. I think he is most friendly toward the Bureau. I know he took occasion to tell Howe to do anything he could for any of the Bureau representatives. Allman told me in passing that he wanted to know personally of any instances in which he could help the Bureau.

I am sending Andy Kavanaugh a copy of the resolution adopted last week by the Tennessee and Mississippi Sheriffs' and Peace Officers' Association to forward for the IACP "News Letter".

President William A. Toler of the IAI has asked me to prepare his talk before the IACP next September and I am starting it. Mr. Toler expects to be here shortly.

Don Leonard advises me from Miami that he may stop off in Washington on the way back to Detroit.

During the last few days of my trip to Rochester, Minnesota, in Chicago and on trains the work of the Bureau in the arrest of Karpis, Campbell and Mahan was the subject of general conversation. It seemed to be the big news of the day. Also, while I had known that many persons were interested in the Bureau's activities, I did not realize that it attracted such universal interest to the extent that the persons discussing these arrests, two of which were made by you, associated this action with Senator McKellar's recent criticism of the Bureau. Surely McKellar was being criticized and you were being eulogized. This did not pertain to isolated instances, but to general comment.

Respectfully,

(s) L. C. Schilder.

Alvin Karpis - Commendation
Hackerwick Bergen Evening Record

RCH:KAN

May 14, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

As of possible interest, there are attached copies of an editorial entitled "Another Coup" which appeared in the May 4, 1936, issue of the Bergen Evening Record, of Hackensack, New Jersey, and an editorial entitled "They Got Their Man," which appeared in the May 2, 1936, issue of the Toledo Blade of Toledo, Ohio.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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BERGEN EVE RECORD

Hackensack, N. J.

MAY 4 1936

EDITORIAL

ANOTHER COUP

A Congress sensitive to public opinion will cut no appropriation requested by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the famous G-men who personally directed the capture of Alvin Karpis in New Orleans, ending a 2-year search for one of the nation's worst desperadoes.

This sensational capture adds to the legend that when others fail the investigators of the Department of Justice Bureau of Investigation succeed. They have caught either dead or alive every important criminal they have pursued. Unquestionably they are instilling a deadly fear into the hearts of the criminal element.

Kidnaping for ransom has gone entirely out of favor since the G-men entered the field. There may be, of course, queer things in New Jersey, but tough crooks like Karpis would rather rob a bank today than try for easy money in the "snatch racket".

Karpis was a killer with a warped mind. He knew that death or a lifetime in prison awaited him if he was trapped. Yet the Government agents took him without a shot's being fired, another illustration of how thoroughly they make their plans. Karpis would have fought as he has in the past if he had been given the slightest opportunity of reaching for his gun.

The nation will feel relieved with Karpis behind the bars. Not only was he dangerous himself, but also he had the gift of leadership, surrounding himself with men as deadly as he. His arrest will certainly end many crimes of

violence, as they were his only means of support.

Mothers of little children will also feel satisfaction at Karpis's capture. No person was safe while he was at large, and no plot was too diabolical for his vicious brain to conceive. He will now be eliminated as a prey to society, permanently, it is hoped.

On their splendid record Hoover and his men are entitled to public support. Any reasonable demand which their bureau makes for funds should be granted. Conditions throughout the nation would have been intolerable today if they had not entered the situation. The society which they protect should insist that they continue with ample funds at their disposal and without political interference. That is the one way in which public gratitude for services rendered can be fully and freely expressed.

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They Got Their Man

ALVIN KARPIS, a killer-kidnaper graduate of the easy parole system, has been captured by the man the public enemy No. 1 threatened to kill. Karpis wrote into the department of justice last summer to tell J. Edgar Hoover he was marked for erasure. But the yellowness of Karpis' type was revealed again. He made no attempt to fight with officers armed to have an equal chance with him. Yesterday afternoon's work in New Orleans by the federal force was a splendid one. Another proud entry is made in the annals of the G-men. They are still showing the nation what may be done when there is a valiant intention to enforce law.

620 WEST FRANKLIN STREET
WYTHEVILLE, VIRGINIA

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Mr. Schilder

To J. Edgar Hoover Esq.
Chief of Federal Bureau
of Investigation

May 17, 1936

Dear Mr Hoover,
This is merely a simple note from an humble old woman citizen of the U.S.A. to congratulate you on your fine work. Every body is proud of you & your recent successful achievements in ridding our country of its worse bandits.
Yours truly
Mrs J. L. Patton

Commissioner
Alvin Karpis
Harry Campbell
William O. Barker
Thomas H. (Mac) Sweeney

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May 25, 1936.

Mrs. J. L. Patton,
620 West Franklin Street,
Wytheville, Virginia.

Dear Mrs. Patton:

I have received your letter dated May 17,
and want to express my sincere appreciation for your
commendatory statements concerning the accomplishments
of this Bureau and my administration of it.

The confidence which many of our citizens
have displayed in the work of the Federal Bureau of
Investigation is a source of great encouragement
and I hope our endeavors in law enforcement will
continue to merit the approbation of the public.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
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DR. ROBERT L. PITFIELD
5211 WAYNE AVENUE
GERMANTOWN, PA.

Mr John Edgar Hoover
Department of Justice
Washington D.C.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Joseph
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tracy

Dear Sir I congratulate you and your department of the 100% solution of the capture of the participants in many crimes. Every now and then I receive circulars from your department describing men with criminal records and asking my cooperation in putting justice on their trails. In all of the descriptions of criminals no mention is made of the pathological configuration of the faces of these men. Almost all of them have assymetrical faces with andeye either lower than normal or higher. Robinson's face is assymetrical in this respect and others. This deformity of stigma is found in persons with abnormal minds. It not only means that the skull is assymetrical but the brain above it. Very few people are exactly balanced in facial proportions one sidebeing large(longer) than the other. One can spot an abnormal man by this peculiar facial formation. Those that are mentall sick frequently have this abnormality. Poe the poet had it most markedly. He was a great dipsomaniac- pathological) Francis Thompson the English poet too had this facial deformity (he was a drug addict) Many abnormal public people notably base ball pitchers too have facial deformities of this type most markedly. I will not name them but they are hard to manage, some of them are left handed another stigma. Most of the kidnappers that you have ~~xxx~~ apprehended arementally off not insane but psycho-neurotics. JUN 2 1936

I think that this common deformity would lead you to spot suspected men an a crowd. It is so common that it is singular that it has not been commented on. It ought to be useful in descriptions of wanted persons and in putting detectives on guard in looking over unknown men.

Respectfully Yours

May 15th

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May 23, 1936.

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Dr. Robert L. Pitfield,
5211 Wayne Avenue,
Germantown,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Doctor Pitfield:

I have received your letter dated May 15, 1936, and want to thank you for your commendatory remarks concerning this Bureau's recent success in apprehending some of the major criminals.

I have noted with interest your comments regarding the asymmetrical facial characteristics of many criminals.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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 Miss Gandy
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along to you
 Harry Campbell
 William Abraham
 Thomas H. Robinson Jr.

Chicago, Ill. 5/15/36
 Just want to congratulate
 you & your men for
 the marvellous work
 you are doing to make
 this country safe for all
 Thanks to you
 Sincerely
 Mrs. James E. Pitt
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May 25, 1936.

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Mr. E. T. Patt,
6046 Ingleside Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Patt:

I have the card which Mrs. Patt and you addressed to me on May 15, 1936, and want to express my sincerest appreciation for the commendatory statements which you make concerning the accomplishments of this Bureau.

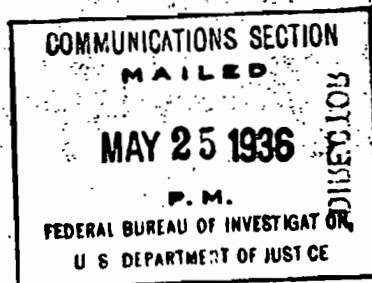
The confidence which so many of our good citizens display in our endeavors toward an improvement in the crime situation is indeed a source of encouragement. I hope that our work will always merit your approbation.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
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REALTORS

8439 SUNSET BOULEVARD
HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA
HOLLYWOOD 5321LOS ANGELES REALTY BOARD
CALIFORNIA REAL ESTATE ASSN.
NATIONAL REAL ESTATE ASSN.

May 12, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover;

Allow me to thank you and your men on the fine work you are doing. It is certainly refreshing to know it can be done in spite of all the obstacles which are put in your path.

Noteworthy too, is the manner in which you handle the publicity. You announce to the public that the capture has been done, but you leave your men's names out of it, their pictures, and keep the inside facts to your self. I have heard many expressions of approval regarding this.

Again our grateful appreciation.

Sincerely,

Harold O. Wright
Harold O. Wright.

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May 21, 1936.

Mr. Harold O. Wright,
Harold O. Wright Company,
8439 Sunset Boulevard,
Hollywood, California.

Dear Mr. Wright:

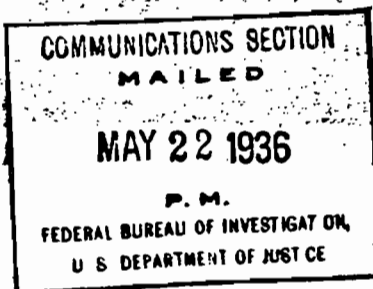
I have received your letter, dated May 12, 1936, and want to express my sincere appreciation for your commendatory statements concerning the accomplishments of this Bureau. It was most thoughtful of you to write as you did and we in the Bureau are encouraged by such expressions of approval.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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May 21, 1936.

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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 12, 1936, which I have received from Mr. Harold O. Wright, 8439 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, California, wherein he commends the work of the Bureau.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 2, 1936.

Mr. Nathan	
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Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
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Mr. Jones	
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Miss Gandy	

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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Congressman Patton telephoned this morning and stated that he wanted to extend to the Director his heartiest congratulations in connection with the apprehension of Karpis. He stated that it was a job well performed and they were indeed proud of the FBI. I thanked the Congressman and advised him that Mr. Hoover was, of course, absent from the city but that he could rest assured his congratulations would be called to Mr. Hoover's attention immediately upon his return.

I also made inquiry of the Congressman as to whether he had ever gone through the Bureau and he stated that he had not, whereupon an invitation was extended to him and he stated he would call in the very near future in order to advise us as to the time he would be down.

Respectfully,

T. D. Quinn
T. D. Quinn.

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May 15, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS.

Re: Anonymous postal card, in code,
to Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C. Bureau File
#62-42391.

Reference is made to the postal card addressed to the
"Department of Justice", postmarked "North—, Ohio, May 9, 1936,
4 P. M." and carrying a printed message written in cipher, this
postal card being referred to in my note to the Files Section
dated May 12, 1936.

This postal card was submitted to Mr. S. P. Pickering
of the Technical Laboratory who states that the deciphered message
reads as follows:

TO THE CHIEF,

CONGRATULATIONS CHIEF ON YOUR
CATCH OF KARPIS AND HIS PAL

HERBERT STANDFIELD
NORTH LIMA
OHIO

NO. 3518

G MEN CLUB

Mr. Pickering states that this message was enciphered by
using a reversed alphabet, that is, the letter "A" is represented by
"Z", the letter "B" by "Y", "C" by "X", "D" by "W", et cetera.

Photographic copies of the postal card are attached hereto
and an acknowledgement is being forwarded to Herbert Standfield.

Respectfully,

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E. P. Coffey

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Alvin Karpis
Commander in Chief

18, CALIFORNIA COURT

CLINTON, MASS.

MAY 15, 1936.

DEAR MR. HOOVER,

YOU DID A WONDERFUL JOB IN CAPTURING ALVIN KARPIS, WILLIAM MAHAN, AND THOMAS ROBINSON. I WAS VERY SORRY TO READ IN THE PAPER ABOUT JOHN B. FOSTER . I HOPE YOU CATCH THE MAN WHO DID IT. AND I WISH HE GETS THE ELECTRIC CHAIR. COULD YOU SEND ME A PHAMPLET ABOUT YOUR PAST AND FUTURE?

YOURS TRULY,

EDWARD DRAKOPOLOS.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
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May 21, 1936.

Mr. Edward Drakopoulos,
18 California Court,
Clinton, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Drakopoulos:

I have received your letter of May 15, 1936,
and want to thank you for your commendatory statements
concerning this Bureau's recent success in apprehending
some of the major criminals.

There is no literature about me available for
distribution but I am pleased to enclose the following
publications regarding this Bureau's activities, which
I hope you will find interesting:

The Federal Bureau of Investigation
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

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I thought you might be interested in reading the attached copies of the following editorials:

*"Karpis Captured," from May 1, 1936, issue of the Elkhart, Indiana, Truth

"G-Men and Their Success," from May 8, 1936, issue of the Waldosta, Georgia, Times

"Mr. Hoover Under Fire," from May 8, 1936, issue of the Sarasota, Florida, Daily Tribune

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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THE ELKHART (Indiana) TRUTH

May 3, 1936

Tom H. Keene, Editor

KARPIS CAPTURED

Alvin Karpis, who was regarded as public enemy No. 1, although J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-men, says there's another who deserves that title, has been taken into the custody of the federal agents.

Karpis is a kidnaper, killer and robber, and was personally arrested at New Orleans by Hoover who had received a letter from the desperado saying he would be killed.

The G-men had been on the trail of Karpis for a long time and they deserve congratulations for taking him. Most of Karpis' leading associates in crime, as well as some other conspicuous desperadoes, have been killed by bullets before the courts had a chance at them.

In spite of the tragic endings in the last two or three years of so many noted criminals, the coming of spring has brought a rebirth of killings and robberies by dangerous gangs throughout the United States. Only a few days ago, an Indianapolis policeman was shot by an Indiana gang which was evidently trying to live up to the unenviable record of the Dillinger gang, now destroyed by deaths and imprisonments.

It seems that the mentality of criminally inclined people is such that the tragic fate of other criminals does not inspire them with enough fear to restrain them from taking chances. Each criminal thinks he is smarter than the law and the police. Often he is, but ruin is inevitable.

Much praise is deserved by the bureau of investigation of the department of justice which is headed by Hoover. It is one Washington bureau which has functioned well. While organized violent crime has by no means been stamped out in the United States, it would undoubtedly be much more dangerous if it had not been for the activities of the G-men. These officers have felt compelled to shoot their men in several cases. Some chicken-hearted people have criticized them for it. But the fact is that criminals like Karpis are no better than the beasts of the jungle and deserve no more consideration.

The record of Karpis' career shows that more than once he was paroled soon after being sentenced to prison, even when the authorities knew that he was an extremely dangerous man. Several recent major crimes were committed by paroled convicts. This gives us something to think about on the subject of the parole system.

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Guesses**
By JOE DAVIS



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