

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG**

**BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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May 4, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This is just a note to express my appreciation and to congratulate you on your splendid talk at the Dutch Treat Club on last Tuesday. The impressi on which you made was really an astonishing one. Rarely have I seen that hard-boiled crowd rise to its feet in tribute at the finish of a talk. And I have heard many, many compliments in the last week.

With this also goes my congratulations on the capture of Karpis. It was a beautiful job, splendidly executed and managed.

Sincerely yours,

SUMNER BLOSSOM

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*Alvin Karpis - Commendation*

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Mr. J. W. Adams,  
Division Manager,  
American Telephone and Telegraph Co.,  
725 Thirteenth Street, Northwest,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Adams:

Thank you very much indeed for your kind letter of May 4th, with respect to the apprehension of Alvin Karpis by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I deeply appreciate your commendatory statements relative to the work of this Bureau. It is a source of much gratification to know that public spirited citizens such as yourself take an interest in what we are trying to do to curb organized crime throughout the country. It was very good of you to write to me.

With kindest 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 .....
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**MT. ALVERNO RETREAT**  
WARWICK, N. Y.

May 2 '36  
12.45 P.M.

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. DeLoach
- Chief Clerk
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Edwards
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

Dear Dr. Hoover:

Read in the morning papers of the capture of Alvin Karpis. That boosts the prestige of the Bureau of Investigation on your good work. That is the answer to the threatening letter he sent you last year. You beat him to the draw. More power to you - my good man.

Sincerely,

*J. Kelly*  
(Rev) Columban Kelly, O.F.M.

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Reverend Columban F. Kelly, O.F.M.,  
Mount Alverno Retreat,  
Warwick, New York.

Dear Father Kelly:

I have received your letter dated May 2, 1936 and want to express my sincere appreciation for your congratulations concerning this Bureau's recent good fortune in apprehending Alvin Karpis. I am always appreciative of the many commendatory statements which you make with reference to our work, and I hope that it will continue to merit the confidence which you voice.

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 .....
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- Mr. Egan .....
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Detroit Michigan May the 4th- 1936\*

Mr. Nathan  
 Mr. Tolson  
 Mr. Clegg  
 Mr. Glavin  
 Mr. Ladd  
 Mr. Nichols  
 Mr. Rosen  
 Mr. Tracy  
 Mr. Carson  
 Mr. Coffey  
 Mr. Edwards  
 Mr. Egan  
 Mr. Foxworth  
 Mr. Harbo  
 Mr. Joseph  
 Mr. Lester  
 Mr. Quinn  
 Mr. Schiller

To the Editor  
 Detroit Times  
 Detroit Michigan

Edw. J. Brown - Editor

Again our shakey G boys known as our trusty G Men, But called by some of T.H. Political racketeers, The wild shooting shakey Boys, Again the Shakey Boys got their rat without firing a shot, Again it cost the American taxpayers very little money to rid our Country of a Dirty Rat, Again I will say as an American Taxpayer Give the Shakey G Boys 10 Thousand Men and Five hundred Million Dollars and a free hand, and the Shakey G Boys will Save the American Taxpayers over Six billion Dollars each Yeay, Give them laws to get the Political Rats, Laws that will try them for Traitors and banish them for life, Give the Honest G Boys laws to clean our Country of the three million alien Criminals that is roming our Country to day, The American people is going to put a stop to this costly political alien racket, The American people must be aroused to a duty we owe our Children, Is it possible that the head of a big expensive dapatement, that cost the taxpayers billions of Dollars can be so dumb so blind that permitting three million alien criminals to rome our Country at a Cost to the American Taxpayers of over Six Billion Dollars Each Year, This Same Racket is endearing our Free Press and Bree Speech, And will within 10 years pauperize 90 per Cent of the American People, To all \*Mothers to all Fathers, Your Constitution your existence as a free man is at stake, It is your Duty to back up our department of justice, With all Your power As the only reliable law Enforcement agency we have left,

Martin G. Brown  
 621 St Jean Ave  
 Detroit Michigan,

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AGAIN I THANK YOU AND YOUR  
 SHAKEY BOYS FOR YOUR GOOD  
 \*WORK\*

Ack  
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Mr. Martin G. Brown,  
621 St. Jean Avenue,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Brown:-

I have received the copy of the letter which you wrote to the Editor of the Detroit Times on May 4th concerning the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and I appreciate very much the commendatory statements expressed by you with regard to the efforts which we are making to deal with organized crime in this country. It was kind of you to send me a copy of your letter.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Baughman .....
- Chief Clerk .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Coffey .....
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LEDGER SYNDICATE

Independence Square  
Philadelphia, Pa.

May 4, 1936.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

First let me congratulate you on the successful  
capture of Karpis.

I am attaching photostatic copies of the letters  
we have just received from E. E. Kirkpatrick and J. G. Catlett,  
principals in the Urschel case, to whom Mr. N.G. Henthorne,  
editor, of the Tulsa World submitted the proofs on the Urschel  
case as portrayed in WAR ON CRIME.

The corrections they have suggested have been made.  
I am most anxious that these stories shall be accurate in  
every detail and am, of course, delighted with this reaction.

We have just received an order from the Fort Worth  
Star-Telegram and a query from the Kansas City Star. I am  
delighted with the high type of newspapers taking this feature.  
They are all old customers of ours and, to my mind represent the  
finest type of journalism in this country.

Sincerely yours,

(s)  
George F. Kearney, Manager,  
LEDGER SYNDICATE.

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May 14, 1936.

Mr. George F. Kearney,  
Manager,  
Ledger Syndicate,  
Independence Square,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Kearney:

I have just received your letter dated May 4, 1936,  
enclosing copies of letters from Messrs. Ernest E. Kirkpatrick  
and J. G. Catlett. I appreciate your making these available  
for the Bureau's file.

You may rest assured that I am delighted to hear  
of the reception that has been accorded Mr. Collier's strip  
on the "War on Crime."

I also deeply appreciate your kind words of con-  
gratulation concerning the recent apprehension of Alvin Karpis.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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May 4, 1933.

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

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My dear Director:

I certainly was sorry that you couldn't be with us on April 30th, but after reading the papers the day after, I am fully understand why your valuable time was needed elsewhere. Congratulations on your wonderful work in clearing up the Karpis gang activities. You and your Associates cannot be too highly commended upon this, and the many other cases you have to your credit.

I do not want this opportunity to pass without writing you and letting you know how deeply I appreciate the fine tribute you paid me at our Dinner, through your representative, Mr. Harold Nathan. It was wonderful, and words cannot describe the feeling I had within me when Mr. Nathan read your letter. Mr. Nathan was a worthy representative, and I want you to extend to him my personal thanks for being with us that night. We certainly enjoyed having him here.

Under another cover, I am mailing you a copy of our program, and hope that you will accept it as a souvenir from me.

I do hope, however, that at our next affair you will be able to be with us, and join in our good time.

Extending you my warmest personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

George V Black

Supt. of Public Safety.

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Mr. Tolson	
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Mr. Quinn	
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Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	✓

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

Dear Sir:-

I wish to congratulate you and your men on the fine work you are doing in getting rid of the Mad Dogs, and especially on your fine work on the Karpis Case. I am sure if a vote could be taken by the people of America, that you and your men would receive a tremendous vote of confidence and thanks from the nation in your splendid work, in spite of the politicians.

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I sent to Senator McMiller of Tenn. a clipping from the editorial column, taken from the Chicago Herald-Examiner, regarding his protest of your department using too much money. The last sentence said what we need is more G' Men and less politicians, To which I said Amen. I told the Senator that I did not understand how any human being could be and defend the building of Dog-Pounds and be opposed to the elimination of these Mad criminals. I expect to again write the Senator calling his attention to the fact of your wonderful work in the Karpis case, and advising him that he had better go home and take care of his Dog-pound at Memphis, and that I feel sure you and your men will rid the country of the other rats. So in closing I say more power to you and your department.

MAY 5 1936

TOLSON  
JOSEPH

Yours Respectfully

Alvin Karpis - Comm. Mediation - C.A.

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May 11, 1936

Dr. H. H. Roth,  
Murphysboro, Illinois

Dear Dr. Roth:

I want to thank you for your letter of May 2, 1936, in which you extend your congratulations upon the apprehension of Alvin Karpis by this Bureau.

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write to me in this connection, and it is gratifying to learn that this Bureau has your confidence and support.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

**Ogden City Corporation**  
**Ogden, Utah**

**E. O'N. BALLANTYNE.**  
RECORDER

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

Dear Mr Hoover;

The Board of City Commissioners of Ogden City, Utah, in special session to-day voted;

That a letter be forwarded to J. Edgar Hoover congratulating him and his department and all others responsible for the capture of Public Enemy #1 Alvin Karpis.

Very sincerely yours;

Board Of City Commissioners  
Ogden City, Utah.

E. O'N. Ballantyne,  
City Recorder.

By W.S. Fisher Deputy

W.S. Fisher

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R.H.H.*

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May 11, 1936.

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Mr. E. O'H. Ballantyne,  
City Recorder,  
Board of City Commissioners,  
Ogden City, Utah.

Attention: Mr. W. J. Fisher

Dear Mr. Ballantyne:

I have your recent letter, which was received on May 5, 1936, extending congratulations of the Board of City Commissioners, Ogden City, Utah, upon the apprehension of Alvin Karpis.

I deeply appreciate the action taken by the Board of City Commissioners and am gratified that the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has the confidence and support of your Board.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Baughman .....
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May 2nd, 1936

John Edgar Hoover, Esq.,  
Director, Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
WASHINGTON, D.C., USA.

Dear Sir:

Please accept my heartiest congratulations on  
the round-up of Alvin Karpis.

Your organization has done great work and it must  
be very encouraging to all your staff to see success crowning their  
efforts. It is an inspiration to police officers everywhere to  
read about these criminals falling into the great net that you spread  
out for them.

Yours truly,

[Redacted Signature]

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Dear Mr. [Redacted]

I have received your letter, dated May 8, 1936, and want you to know how deeply grateful I am for your commendatory statements and congratulations concerning this Bureau's recent apprehension of Alvin Karpis.

With best wishes and kind regards,  
I am

Sincerely yours,



- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Baughman .....
- Chief Clerk .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
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DEPARTMENT OF POLICE  
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

May 3, 1936,

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 30th requesting information as to my rank and duties both prior and subsequent to my attendance at the FBI Police Training School.

As you know, this is a small Department with but twenty-two men, and naturally since I was already a Lieutenant there could be no promotion. My duties before attendance were of a supervisory nature and still are. But my salary when compared to police salaries paid elsewhere is very good, and I am well satisfied.

Because of our size, it is impractical to conduct a full-time training school, yet I am working on an outline of study for regular staff meetings which is the nearest approach to a training school we can have. However, the men are interested and I think it will be very valuable. We are starting a Police Library, and we hope to make it a fine one.

Again I want to thank you for the opportunity you gave me to attend the training school, and for your kindly interest in all of us. On the way home, several of us on the train were talking and were all struck by the fact that of all the police officials in the country, you were the first and only real leader behind whom we could all rally.

As I want to congratulate the FBI for its capture of Alvin Karpis. Also for your remark to newspaper men that Public Enemy Number One is politics.

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Sincerely yours,

MAY 16 1936

(S) Glen Boyd.

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May 11, 1936.

Lieutenant Glen Boyd,  
Department of Police,  
Winnetka, Illinois.

My dear Lieutenant:

Reference is made to your letter of May 3, 1936, relative to your status with the Winnetka Police Department. I desire to express to you my appreciation for your courtesy in furnishing the information contained in your letter and I further desire to offer you my congratulations because of the recognition which you are receiving since your return from the Bureau's Police Training School. I was particularly gratified to learn that you are preparing an outline for a course of study to be given to the other members of your Department. This, I believe, will make your attendance at the Bureau's Police Training School of even greater benefit to your Department.

Permit me also to thank you for your very kind references and commendatory statements concerning this Bureau.

I am enclosing, for your information, a recently prepared booklet relative to the training schools and selection of personnel of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I trust that you will find the contents of interest.

Please do not hesitate to communicate with me whenever I may be of service.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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JEM:RLM May 5, 1936.  
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

RE: Capture of Alvin Karpis.

Judge Holtsoff telephoned and offered his congratulations on the excellent work by the Bureau in the capture of Karpis. I thanked Judge Holtsoff for calling.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

*Handwritten note:*  
Alvin Karpis  
1/6/36

- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Glavin .....
- Mr. Ladd .....
- Mr. Nichols .....
- Mr. Rosen .....
- Mr. Tracy .....
- Mr. Carson .....
- Mr. Egan .....
- Mr. Gurnea .....
- Mr. Hendon .....
- Mr. Jones .....
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- Miss Gandy .....

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May 5, 1936.

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

*Commendation*

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have your letter of April 27th and its enclosures together with the package of law enforcement bulletins sent under separate cover. I very much appreciate your courtesy and thoughtfulness in sending this material and am convinced that it will yield some valuable gems for the police course about which I wrote you.

I note your comment in connection with my inquiry about a possible manual of instructions that you hope to get me out in the course of a few years, thus wisely walking before attempting to run. The whole field of police administration is now so much alive and is attracting so much interest that it is quite possible that we are attempting to move too fast in some of its phases.

My congratulations upon the recent Karpis capture.

With my sincere appreciation of your good will and helpfulness, I am

Very truly yours,

E. W. Garrett (signed)

E. W. GARRETT,  
Deputy Commissioner.

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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
OAK AND SAINT JOHN STREETS  
MONROE, LOUISIANA.

May 4, 1936.

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

My Dear Sir:

I crave information on the sort of crime in this country. Will you be good enough to send me a copy of the facts you recently sent to my good friend, Dr. I. B. Howell of Arkmore, OK. He wrote me about it.

You did a nice piece of work in New Orleans the other day. Your work right along has been excellent. But our crime record is appalling and disgraceful and threatening. I shall very greatly appreciate any help you can give me.

Gratefully yours,

/s/ Crayton S. Brooks.

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PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Detective Division

161 Fountain Street

Providence, R. I.

May 5, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

I am forwarding the following information which was requested by you in your letter of April 30, 1936.

Prior to attending the Federal Bureau of Investigation Police Training School I was a Detective Sergeant assigned to night duty, in the Detective Division. Since returning after the completion of the Training School I have been assigned to day duty in the Detective Division, with additional duties, assisting the Deputy Superintendent in making plans for a new Recruit's Police Training School which should be started in the near future. At that time I will be assigned to assist the Deputy Superintendent in conducting the training school.

I am very pleased to read in the Newspapers of the Capture of Alvin Karpis. Congratulations.

I am taking the liberty of inclosing a cartoon and adjoining write-up which appeared in the Evening Bulletin, Providence, R. I. on May 4, 1936.

Hoping the above information complies with your request, and with best wishes, I am

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Sincerely yours,  
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HE GETS HIS MAN



*Pravda Bulletin*  
*May 4 1936*

#### HE GETS HIS MAN

Even among fellow criminals, Alvin Karpis was known as a thoroughly bad egg. The underworld dubbed him "Old Creepy" because in any gathering of the criminal clans he spread nervousness and fear. His finger itched when it was wrapped around a trigger, and murder was only part of the day's work.

A Lithuanian from the back alleys and rat holes of West Side Chicago, he graduated from small time burglary to the top ranks of crime when he formed an alliance with the notorious Barker gang which worked out of St. Paul, then the poison spot of the United States. "Ma" Barker, the Fury who dominated in the councils, made a "pet" of Karpis: his courage was cold, his nerve like steel, his daring beyond question, his love of shooting officers of the law a passion, his instinct for crime amounted to genius—all these vicious traits endeared him to the sinister matron of violence.

Burglary, bank robbery, kidnaping and murder are listed on Karpis's record. The Department of Justice, empowered with new writs from anti-criminal legislation passed by the Congress in the last three years, broke up the Barker gang, sending the members to death or the penitentiary for long stretches.

But Karpis remained elusive. For three years the Bureau of Investigation has been following him, tracing every lead, running down every clue. Once he was surrounded in a small hotel in Atlantic City but shot his way to safety. Rumors placed him in the Middle West, in Oklahoma, and a short while ago in Massachusetts.

On Friday night the G-men caught up with him in New Orleans. With flawless technique, he was taken alive, despite predictions that only a bullet could stop him. Public Enemy No. One now has a rendezvous with his fate.

To the FBI, all praise and credit! Infinite patience and dogged determination have won. Every honest man felt that sooner or later the G-men would capture Karpis, dead or alive. The underworld has learned by this time that Uncle Sam cannot be beaten: he gets his man.

*Letter-Crawley*  
*5-9-36*  
*HHC*

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7-576-2-14 ✓ May 9, 1936.

Sergeant Edmund S. Crowley,  
Detective Division,  
Providence Police Department,  
Providence, Rhode Island.

(His incoming letter dated 5-4-36)

My dear Sergeant:

Permit me to express my appreciation for your courtesy in forwarding the information relative to your status in the Providence Police Department. I am indeed pleased to observe that you are being placed in a position whereby you may give the benefit of your experience and training to the other members of your Department. If this Bureau can be of any assistance to you whatsoever, do not hesitate to let me know.

I also desire to express to you my appreciation for your congratulations relative to the recent capture of Alvin Karpis. I am deeply appreciative of your interest and for the courtesy which prompted your sending the very interesting cartoon and newspaper clipping relative to the capture of this criminal.

There is enclosed, herewith, for your information, a recently prepared booklet relative to the training schools and the selection of personnel of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I hope that you will find this booklet of interest.

With assurances of my best wishes and highest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #867791.

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Administrative Files.

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May 2, 1936

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Today I was directed by the officers of this organization to recognize the splendid service which you rendered the country in connection with the capture of Alvin Karpis known as "Public Enemy No. 1."

Aside from this notable service which you and your associates have performed, the members of our organization are cognizant of the splendid operations which you are daily rendering and the valuable service to the taxpayers of this nation, thereby assisting in the reduction of crime and thus creating better communities in the United States in which to live.

We are proud to know that under your leadership, the Bureau has attained such an efficient staff.

Sincerely yours

*Frank Mantz*  
Executive Secretary

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May 11, 1936.

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Mr. Frank Marts,  
Executive Secretary,  
Hazleton Chamber of Commerce,  
226 Markle Building,  
Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Marts:

I have your letter of May 2, 1936, in which,  
at the direction of the officers of the Hazleton Chamber  
of Commerce, you extend congratulations to me upon the  
apprehension of Alvin Karpis.

I deeply appreciate the interest which prompted  
you to write to me in this connection.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tolson .....
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18, California  
Clinton,  
May 4,

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Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Foxworth
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Commendation

Dear Edgar Hoover,

May I congratulate for the wonderful job you did in capturing Alvin Karpis. It didn't take long to catch him after those cards were distributed. The G-Men always get their man. Did Mr. Moran find out anything yet? Your pictures came out perfect in the papers.

Yours truly,  
Edward Drake

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Yours truly,

Edward Drakos. (S)

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May 19, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Drakos:

I want to thank you for your letter of May 4, 1936, in which you extend your congratulations upon the recent apprehension of Alvin Karpis by this Bureau.

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write me. I note that you make an inquiry concerning Mr. Moran. I would suggest that you communicate with Mr. W. H. Moran, Chief, Secret Service Division, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., concerning your question.

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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Details:

Wished to extend his heartiest congratulations to the Director for apprehending Alvin<sup>o</sup>Karpis. rhb

A letter of acknowledgment is being written.

C. J. ...

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**U. S. Department of Justice**

**Post Office Box 515,  
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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

**BREKID**

Enclosed herewith is a telegram of congratulations addressed to you in connection with the apprehension of ALVIN KARPIS. This communication is from S. W. Ozark, former night clerk who resides at 2520 North 4th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Very truly yours,  
*C. W. Stein*  
C. W. STEIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

*Communication*

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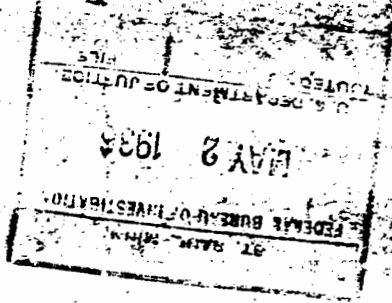
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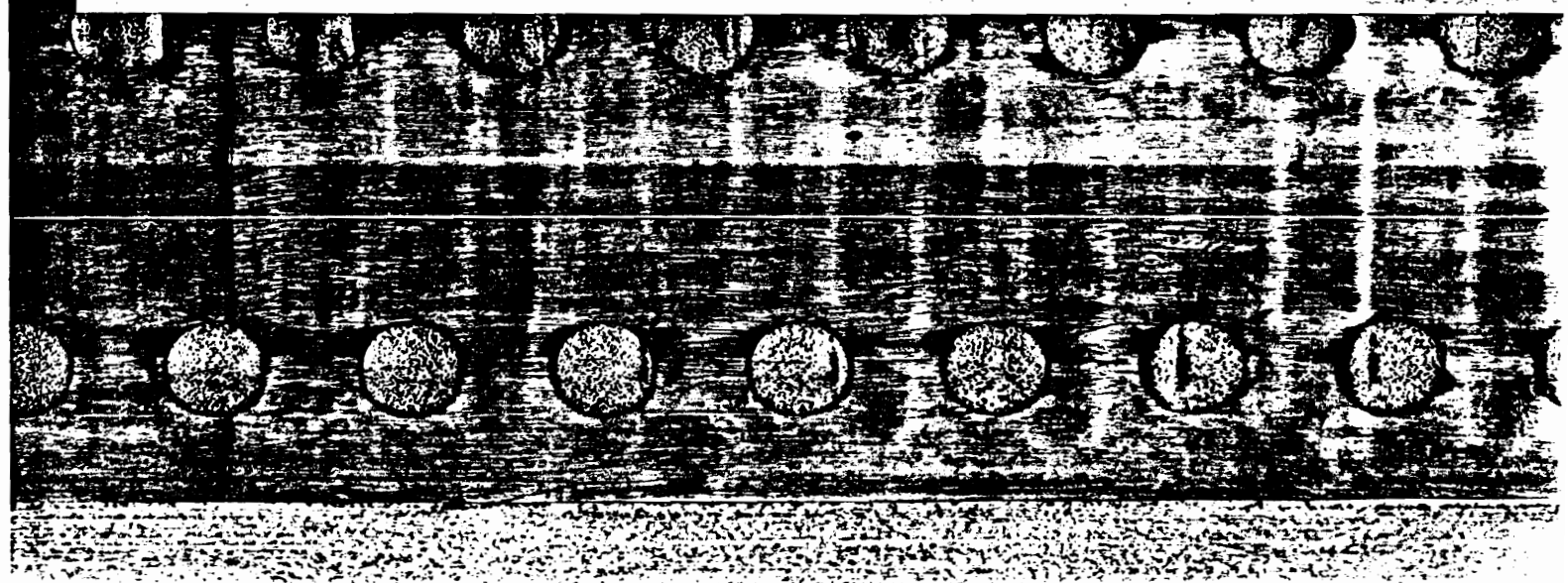
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May 5, 1936

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of commendation

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director of Public Safety  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I want to sincerely congratulate you upon your recent achievement at New Orleans in effecting the capture of Alvin Karpis, designated public enemy No. 1. It was indeed a brilliant piece of work and worthy of the Master Mind who engineered it, and is an achievement of which every law-enforcement officer and American Citizen should be proud.

More power to you.

Very truly yours,

*C. M. Hayes*

C. M. Hayes

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Mr. C. M. Hayes,  
Editor and Manager,  
The Police Chief,  
Terre Haute, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Hayes:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your letter of May 5, 1936, attending your congratulations upon the apprehension of Alvin Karpis.

Please be assured I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

- Mr. Nathan .....
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice

420 Post Office Bldg.,  
Dallas Texas.

May 4, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith an  
editorial from the DALLAS MORNING NEWS of May 4,  
1936, captioned "End of the Road."

Very truly yours,

*F. J. Blake*  
F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*o P.R. Commendation  
Alvin Karpis - Commendation 7/5)*

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### End of the Road

Ebullient Mr. Zioncheck, member of Congress and lawyer in private life, objected a few days ago to Federal expenditure on the Department of Justice's Bureau of Criminal Investigation. More sensible House colleagues promptly approved the budget for that department. To prove the point, J. Edgar Hoover's deadly G-men roped in Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. One, in New Orleans Friday. That particular public menace, facing numerous charges from murder

to bank robbery, is on his way to death or life imprisonment.

With the capture of Karpis the Government has broken up a group responsible for heavy loss in life and property. But for the Hoover force, it is safe to say that finis could not be written on that costly record. The limitations on State law enforcement at its best and the all too frequent inefficiency of localized public protection, have failed and are still failing to put a stop to the activities of such criminals as Karpis. In the long run, the criminal usually comes to the end of his rope; crime does not pay and has never paid, but it can and does cost the peaceable public while it is going on.

The comparative rapidity with which the Federal force is overtaking and finishing up with criminals of the Karpis type is striking. Under the fugitive-from-justice rule involving State borders, the criminal places himself in Federal jeopardy as soon as he quits the State where he has actually committed his crime.

The criminal investigation force under J. Edgar Hoover has proved its value and has given a rich return on every dollar of investment Congress has put into it.

*Dr. J. A. Dealey  
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May 15, 1936

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Dr. J. L. Dealys,  
Editor,  
Dallas Morning News,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Dr. Dealys:

My attention has just been called to the editorial entitled "End of the Road," which appeared in the Dallas Morning News of May 4, 1936.

I want to thank you for the very commendatory statements which you so generously made concerning the work of the Bureau. It is indeed heartening to learn of your feeling that this Bureau has paid a good dividend upon each taxpayer's dollar which has gone towards its operation. I sincerely hope that with the much needed increased appropriation, recently granted by Congress, our endeavors to bring about an improvement in the crime situation will continue to be performed in such a manner as to merit your confidence.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

- Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Baughman \_\_\_\_\_
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
 925 Washington D.C.

Bham Ala  
 May 4 1936

Dear Mr. Hoover -  
 See what our papers here  
 in Bham have to say about you  
 and your department.  
 I just thought would send  
 three cents to let you know that  
 you are making some sort of a  
 reputation in this country.  
 I wanted you to know that  
 the people in this country all  
 say you are doing great work.

Yours Truly  
 Claude C. Swindle  
 912 - North 43 St  
 Birmingham Ala

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B'kam, Ala.

May 4, 1936.

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

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### 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 as 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 unremitting 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" or probation and parole, to the social sinkholes 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 other arts of his craft. In Kansas State Penitentiary he was tutored by one of the criminal sons of "Ma" Kate Barker, specialists 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 slums, 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.

### The Capture

#### Of Alvin Karpis

The G-men have scored again in their fight on crime. Alvin Karpis, the most-sought criminal in the country, has been captured, and without the firing of a shot, though he is said to have boasted that he "wouldn't be taken alive." So perfectly planned and executed was the federal agents' descent upon Karpis, under the personal direction of J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Department of Investigation, Karpis did not have a chance to make a show of resistance.

Karpis, wanted in connection with two sensational kidnapings, a mail train robbery and the slaying of a Missouri sheriff, was the last on the list of the more notorious criminals who were the special objects of the G-men's activities in the last two or three years. Now he and one of his men, Fred Hunter, have been overtaken by the same relentless forces who have put an end to the criminal careers of John Dillinger, "Pretty Boy" Floyd, "Baby Face" Nelson and scores of other criminals.

There is not now remaining at large a single criminal of such notoriety as Dillinger, Floyd, Nelson or Karpis. But of course there are always criminals to be captured, and it is announced that now William Mahan has moved to the top of the federal agents' "wanted" list.

The capture of Karpis comes with special timeliness in view of the criticism which was recently directed against the federal agents in Congress. A few representatives and senators sought to make a considerable reduction in the appropriation for the federal agents, and in their arguments they belittled the accomplishments of the G-men. The great majority in Congress are aware, however, as the American public is aware, of the great good that the federal agents have done, and the full appropriation was voted. The capture of Karpis, coming just at this time, is a vindication of the judgment of those members of Congress who stood up for the G-men.

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May 11, 1936.

Mr. Claude C. Swindle,  
912 North 43rd Street,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Mr. Swindle:

I have your letter of May 4, 1936, with which you enclosed two editorials and a cartoon dealing with the recent apprehension of Alvin Karpis.

I want you to know that I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write to me and make these editorials and cartoon available for the Bureau's files.

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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NEW YORK, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Hoover: -

The sudden death of [REDACTED] took me to Washington on the following day.

[REDACTED] suppose that, my interest in fingerprints began as a result of my early association with these persons, and many other Cornell friends in the Cosmos Club. At any rate, I did experimental work with finger and palm impressions, made at that time on paper smoked over burning camphor, and fixed afterward with a solution of thin varnish.

Much water has flowed under the Brooklyn Bridge since then, and the first fingerprint officially made in a file in September 1902, was indirectly the result of these studies in Washington.

After my necessary tasks had been accomplished, I went with my Cornell room-mate of 1880 [REDACTED] a lawyer for forty years in the U.S. Patent Office, to call upon you in the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I was sorry to find that you were not in your office, but, thanks to the kindness of Mr. C. E. Kleinkauf, who I believe, is one of your Secretaries, my friend and I were shown every possible courtesy. We were put in charge of Mr. Aaron Kohn and Mr. H. C. Douglas. We ultimately wound up in the Pistol Range. I did not learn the name of the gentleman in charge of that department, and will be glad if you will send it to me. He did some excellent target practice, and was kind enough to let me try his Colt 38. I am not familiar with sawed-off shot guns or "Tommy Guns", but I did find his Colt an old friend. Some twenty-five years ago, when I was the Surgeon-Major of the 13th Regiment Coast Artillery, I made a score of thirteen bulls eyes out of fifteen shots, on the standard target, at a distance of seventy-five yards. I fear my hand is not as steady as it once was, but I did hit the target with every shot; much to my surprise.

I was much interested in the machine - which is a marvel - for automatically separating the enormous number of "one over one" cards.

Then my own fingerprints were taken on one of your standard Record Cards with the colorless ink on properly sensitized paper. In order that my personal card may be complete, I am enclosing a photograph recently taken at my desk.

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I have visited Police Headquarters in Christiania, Stockholm, St. Petersburg, Moscow, Warsaw, Munich, Dresden, Berlin, Paris, Glasgow and New Scotland Yard. Never before, have I seen any thing in this line approaching your own offices in Washington. The lighting, the arrangement, the equipment and the quiet efficiency of the entire staff whom I saw, and with whom I had in personal contact, is far superior to any which I have seen elsewhere. The time

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will ultimately come, and as I hope in the not distant future, when universal finger-printing will be established in our own country, as it is in the Argentine. You have been the moving spirit in this Department of such National importance, and I offer you my sincere congratulations.

To the four gentlemen whose names I have mentioned or referred to, I would like to send a copy of my little book on: "The Evolution of Dactyloscopy in the United States". I will appreciate it if you will send me their names, so that I may be sure of spelling them correctly.

The lecture which I recently gave before a social group, aroused considerable attention. If you care to send me one of your Ink Pads, and one of the Fingered Clips for holding the card on the table; from time to time I will be glad to take fingerprints in my office and forward them to you, to add to your enormous and rapidly growing file of non-criminal Personal Identification Records.

Recent newspaper accounts of the capture of a gangster named Karpis, in New Orleans, would seem to indicate that, you should add another feather of unusual size, to your cap.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ [REDACTED] b6  
[REDACTED]

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

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May 12, 1936.

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New York, New York.

Dear [Redacted]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 6, 1936, with which was forwarded your photograph to be attached to your civil fingerprint card. I will see that your photograph is attached to the card.

I sincerely regret that my absence from the city prevented my meeting you and your friend, [Redacted] when you called at the Bureau, but I want you to know that I appreciate very deeply your commendation of the work that we are doing, your favorable impressions of the activities of the Bureau, and your high regard for its personnel.

The Special Agent in charge of the Firing Range was Mr. Myron Gurnea. The other gentlemen you met were Mr. G. E. Kleinkauf, Mr. A. M. Kohn, and Special Agent E. C. Douglas.

I know that the four men you mentioned will appreciate receiving your book entitled, "The Evolution of Dactyloscopy in the United States," and I would very much appreciate your sending me a copy for inclusion in our Bureau Library, so that we may have the same readily available for reference purposes.

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May 12, 1936.

Mr. Kohn has advised me that you have copies of the first fingerprints taken in this country, and of the first latent fingerprints ever used in evidence in an English Court, which you offered to send to me. I should certainly be pleased to receive them.

Your kind offer to assist in the taking of civil fingerprints is certainly appreciated, and I am sorry that I do not have extra equipment of the type you request which I can forward to you. It is suggested that any of your friends who desire their fingerprints included in the Bureau's Civil Identification Unit might call for this purpose at their convenience at the New York City office of this Bureau, which is located at 607 U. S. Court House, Foley Square.

Should you be in Washington again, I hope that you will call at the Bureau so that I may meet you.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

COPY

Sanatorium, Mississippi.

May 5, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a number of clippings of editorial comments that I thought would be of interest to you. Each one is mounted and shows the name of paper and date. The Jackson (Miss) Daily News is edited by Major Frederick Sullens. The Commerical Appeal, Memphis (Tenn) is published by Col. James Hammond, but I do not know the name of the editor.

Very truly yours,

R. G. Gillespie

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Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Shortly after your departure from New Orleans on May 1, 1936, Honorable William Stanley, Assistant Attorney General, telephoned the New Orleans Bureau Office endeavoring to reach you for a conference and to congratulate you. Mr. Stanley also desired to place you in telephonic communication with Honorable Homer S. Cummings, the Attorney General.

Mr. Stanley advised that he could be reached at telephone 7511, Southern Pines, North Carolina.

I endeavored to reach you but apparently you had departed from New Orleans.

Very truly yours,

*D. W. Magee*  
D. W. Magee,  
Special Agent in Charge.

*Letter Mr. Stanley,  
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*Commendation*

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed are some editorial comments concerning your department.

I'll add my sincere congratulations to you and your men for the splendid capture of Karpis.

I'm curious to know how close or how far the facts in my Karpis story are from the facts which you knew of

With best wishes,

Walter Biscup  
*Walter Biscup*

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*Pulper Daily World  
Sunday, May 3, 1936*

# Killer Led 33 Gunmen In Rampage Over U.S.

Gang's Toll Shows 10 Killed; 15 in Prison;  
7 Awaiting Trial; 1 Fugitive; 11  
Murders to Be Answered

By Walter Biscup  
Of The World Staff.

CRIME'S cancer—Alvin Karpis—has been removed.

A plague to law enforcement during the last six years, this diseased killer, extortionist and bandit led a merciless group of homicidists through the nation, leaving in his fearful wake the victims of 11 murders and pocketing \$1,079,200 in blood money!

These proceeds came from lawless enterprises as far flung as the state boundaries which the mob crossed with impunity.

The Karpis gang unhesitatingly plied its cruel activities in city as well as hamlet; in day and night; with craftiness and foolhardiness; against the strong as well as the weak.

It had only one motivating power—the warped brain of the 27-year-old menace who murdered because he found it convenient and who robbed because he was a born criminal.

Karpis, whose cruelty ranged from calmly sticking an ice pick through a victim's heart to clubbing a wanted woman who begged for the price of her shame, had long lived on borrowed time.

He saw duplicity and loyalty in his ranks and he also saw its decimation by bullets and prison sentences.

His own momentum kept him hopping from crime to crime; state to state and hide-out to hide-out. He knew all the angles and all the answers except the most trite one—that he could not evade the retributive law which was as exacting as the destiny he blindly followed.

The ominous shadow of this lethal crew crept into every section of the country and menaced the security of

## KARPIS PAROLED

Five of the Karpis mob, including the leader, were paroled by William Murray when he was governor of Oklahoma.

Those granted clemency by Murray were Alvin Karpis, Freddie Barker, Arthur Barker, Glenn Roy Wright and Volney Davis.

scores of banks. The tremendous maze of the Karpis criminal activities so firmly woven into the fabric of today's mid and southwestern social order will probably never be untangled.

## Desperate Mob.

During a recent visit to Tulsa J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, department of justice, who led the government officers when they apprehended Karpis in New Orleans, said this:

"The Karpis mob is undoubtedly the shrewdest, most desperate gang of outlaws within recent years."

His appraisal was not based on snap judgment. At the time he had a dossier of the gang's activities and it had violated every human law and every moral law.

Hoover, as every other officer, had vividly etched in his own mind the picture of Karpis—the man America's underworld named "Creepy"—the man whose character had been cast in the mold of manevolence.

At various times the mob had a personnel of 34 criminals who were finished specialists in the field of lawlessness.

Its roster follows:

Alvin Karpis, under arrest.  
Frank Nash, killed.  
Freddie Barker, killed.  
John Hamilton, killed.  
Russell (Rusty) Gibson, killed.  
Kate (Ma) Barker, killed.  
Herman Barker, suicide.  
William J. Harrison, killed.  
Verne Miller, killed.  
Joseph P. Moran, killed.  
Arthur (Doc) Barker, life imprisonment.  
Dolores Delaney, serving five-year term.  
Winona Burdette, serving five years.  
Glenn Wright, serving 50 years.  
Volney Davis, serving life term.  
Oliver Berg, serving life term.  
John J. McLaughlin, died in prison while serving term.  
James J. Wilson, serving five years.  
Harold Alderton, serving 20 years.  
Byron Bolton, serving life term.  
Elmer Farmer, serving 20 years.  
Lloyd Barker, serving life term.  
Pat Collins, serving five years.  
Harry Sawyer, serving life term.  
William Weaver, serving life term.  
Cassius McDonald, awaiting sentence.

Edward C. Bartholmey, awaiting trial.

Jack Pfeiffer, awaiting trial.  
C. J. Fitzpatrick, awaiting trial.  
George (Burr Head) Keefe, awaiting trial.

John Brock, awaiting trial.  
Fred Hunter, awaiting trial.  
Harry Campbell, fugitive.

Gang Wrecked.

The status of the mob today shows:

Serving prison sentence, 15.  
Killed, 10.  
Died natural death, 1.  
At large, 1.

Awaiting trial, 7.

The murders credited to members of the mob were:

Sheriff C. B. Kelly, West Plains, Mo.

A. W. Dunlap, West St. Paul.

J. Earle Smith, Tulsa.

John Sherrill, Tulsa.

Leo Pavlak, Chester, Pa.

William J. Harrison, Chicago.

Leo Gorak, Minneapolis.

Ira Evans, Minneapolis.

Oscar Erickson, Minneapolis.

Verne Miller, Detroit.

Dr. Joseph A. Moran, Chicago.

The gang's ledger of activities showed they committed these major crimes:

Bremmer kidnaping, \$200,000.

Hamm kidnaping, \$100,000. Wilcox.

Oil company burglary, Tulsa, April 16, 1932, \$100,000.

Burglary of W. E. Rowsey, safe, Muskogee, December 31, 1932, \$75,000.

Burglary Hutchinson, Kan., Gas company, November 10, 1932, \$1,200.

Robbery of Third Northwestern National bank, Minneapolis, December 16, 1932, \$20,000.

Robbery St. Paul pay roll, August 23, 1932, \$30,000.

Robbery Brainard, Minn., bank in March, 1934, \$30,000.

Robbery Sioux Falls, N. D., bank in 1934, \$40,000.

Robbery Mason City, Iowa, bank, 1934, \$50,000.

Robbery Chester, Pa., bank, July 21, 1935, \$48,000.

Bank messenger robbery in Oklahoma City, \$75,000.

Eastern railway postal car robbery, \$135,000.

Robbery Union Gas company, Coffeyville, Kan., January 8, 1932, \$2,000.

Robbery Stillwater, Okla., auction, April 8, 1934, \$5,000.



Robbery of train at Garrettsville, Ohio, November 17, 1935, \$46,000. In addition to this list reliable officers assert the gang obtained more than \$100,000 in various hold-ups during the last seven years.

#### Ranged Far.

The gang at some time or other had operated in Tulsa, Chicago, Okmulgee, Oklahoma City, Hutchinson, Kan., Topeka, Kan., Lebo, Kan., Herington, Kan., St. Paul, Atlantic City, Philadelphia, West Plains, Mo., West St. Paul.

Webster, Wis., Claremore, Cleveland, Ohio, Allentown, Pa., Pittsburgh, Chester, Pa., Detroit, Dayton, Ohio, Kansas City, Mo., Muskogee, Casper, Wyo., Porter, Okla., Pawhuska, Coffeyville, Kan., Pampa, Texas, McClintocville, Pa., Kemp City, Texas, Ranger, Texas, Long Beach, Cal., Neosho, Mo., Sapulpa, Wichita, Kan., Oklawaha, Fla., Minneapolis, Evanston, Ill., and New Orleans.

What sort of a man or character was able to wield a gang of marauders into such a compact group that it could steal more than one million dollars?

Patriots will point with pride and view with alarm that Karpis was of foreign extraction. This point of nativity is unimportant, however, since the Karpis ranks were filled with willing members who were not foreign-born.

Joseph Karpavicz, who apparently has no criminal record, is the father of the notorious and until Friday the nation's public enemy No. 1.

Karpavicz and his wife left their Lithuanian farm and immigrated to Canada in the late eighties. Shortly after the turn of the century they moved to Kansas, and settled near Topeka. Karpavicz changed his name to Karpis as a matter of convenience.

A boy was born to the Karpis family in 1909. They named him Raymond Alvin Karpis. The lad's boyhood was no better and no worse than that of his Topeka playmate. Of interest is the fact that the notorious killer was once a marble champion in Topeka.

Before his seventeenth birthday, Karpis took his first faltering step along the highroad of crime. He was caught in a Jackson county, Kan., burglary and was sent to the Hutchinson, Kan., reformatory February 25, 1926. He escaped soon after.

The family then separated.

Joseph Karpis and his wife moved to Chicago and lived at 3010 Addison street. One sister, Mrs. A. E. Grooms, lived at 1234 Monroe street in Topeka. Another sister, Mrs. P. T. Newbold, lived at 106 North Francisco street in Chicago.

During the next three years young Karpis lived the life of a typical underworld "punk" who hovered at the fringe of various midwestern and southwestern mobs. Before he had attained his legal majority he definitely selected a life of crime.

He came to Tulsa early in 1931 and drifted to the West Tulsa boarding house operated by Mrs. Kate (Ma) Barker, an old crone who had already nurtured four sons into criminal careers. Ma Barker found Karpis a willing disciple who accepted her encouragement and advice. He and Fred Barker became accomplices in a series of burglaries and robberies here.

On May 23, 1931, Tulsa police received a tip that a group of outlaws was hiding at an apartment at 6 East Haskell street. The house was raided but the suspects escaped in

the ensuing gun battle. They abandoned their automobile. Officers found several bullet holes in the car had been plugged with putty.

#### Karpis Convicted.

A week later Karpis and Barker were arrested at Okmulgee and charged with the burglary of a Henryetta jewelry store. The evidence against Barker was insufficient so he was released but placed in custody at Claremore. He escaped from the Claremore jail soon after.

Karpis was convicted of the burglary and received a four-year sentence in Okmulgee county district court. After serving a year of this term in the state prison at McAlester he was given a parole. From that day until the time of his arrest Karpis was never in custody.

Karpis, Ma Barker, Fred Barker and Arthur (Doc) Barker then established their headquarters at St. Paul. Karpis became ambitious and felt irked at the dictatorial command which Ma Barker maintained over their operations.

Karpis had already tired of looting village banks. He was ready for the "big-time" crime. Frank Nash, later killed in the Kansas City union station massacre, met Karpis and Fred Barker in St. Paul and gave them the necessary contacts which enabled them to establish a working connection with Jimmy Keating and Tom Holden, two major bank robbers who had recently moved from Chicago after severing their relationship with the Al Capone interests.

From then on, Karpis took the lead and his gang spread terror through the midwest with their robberies, kidnappings, burglaries and murders.

Evidence shows that on several occasions the Karpis mob had interlocking interests with the John Dillinger and Touhy gangs and often exchanged members who were better suited for the crimes at hand.

During 1933, 1934 and 1935 the Karpis mob actually hit its stride. Officers would occasionally pick off some minor member and this eventually led to the arrest of more important workers in the mob. As the gang's strength increased, dissatisfaction reared up in its councils.

#### Escaped Fatal Fight.

Ma Barker finally decided to sever her ties and moved to Oklawaha, Fla. She took Freddie Barker with her. This upset Karpis, who had considered Barker his most invaluable aid. Harry Campbell, a proficient burglar, who once operated in Tulsa, was high in the ranks of the mob then. He argued that Barker's help could not be dispensed with.

Karpis and Campbell decided to shake the trip to Florida and ask Barker to rejoin them. They failed in this, bought a new automobile at Miami and left.

The next day, January 16, 1935, department of justice agents stormed the Barker home and after a furious gun battle which lasted an hour, captured the establishment.

Barker and his mother were both dead—each had been hit eight times. Ma Barker, who began her mature life as a street corner psalm singer in Kansas City, Mo., ended it with a bloody machine gun clutched against her ample bosom.

If Karpis and Campbell had postponed their trip by 12 hours they also would have been killed. This uncanny luck has been the most important factor in enabling the two

to avoid arrest for so long.

Karpis, Campbell and their female camp followers, Dolores Delaney and Winona Burdette, moved to Atlantic City. A patrolman's suspicions prompted officers to raid their rooms.

Karpis and Campbell, clad in underwear, escaped amidst a fusillade of machine gun bullets and gas bombs. With customary chivalry they left their molls behind. Both were arrested.

Dolores Delaney, 19 years old, two weeks later, on February, 1935, gave birth to a boy in a Philadelphia hospital. She proudly said Karpis was the father of the baby. The nation's crime scourge was too busy dodging death and arrest to send a layette to his son.

Hundreds of unverified stories were circulated regarding Karpis' movements. By this time his stature as a public enemy apparently warranted the customary legends which attach themselves to figures in the spotlight.

became voluble during his doped-up revelries. The mob wanted to kill him. It was agreeable to Karpis. Miller was put on the spot on the outskirts of Detroit. Officers found the bullet-riddled body trussed with wire. An ice pick had been impaled through Miller's heart. It was Karpis' gesture of scorn to a man who had already been murdered.

Then there was Dr. Joseph F. Moran of Chicago. He served a small-practice term in the Joliet, Ill., prison seven years ago and afterwards attached himself to Chicago's underworld.

Karpis and Campbell decided to have their fingerprints obliterated in March, 1934. They commissioned Moran to do the job and paid him \$1,000. They remained in bed for 11 days in a Chicago north side hideout. Moran knew that the cut finger tips would heal in time and the print would never change. Neither Karpis nor Campbell knew it.

Moran then made Miller's mistake. When in his cups he boasted of the fact that Karpis and Campbell were chumps to pay him \$1,000 for a futile operation. Calling Karpis a chump was equivalent to signing a death warrant. This Moran did.

He was "taken for a ride" and incidentally was the first person to be "taken for a ride" in a motorboat. The mob killed him in a boat and dumped his weighted body into Lake Michigan.

Last November 32 a Karpis echo was heard in district court when Mrs. Dorothy Slayman Karpis divorced him. She said she met him in a Tulsa night club in 1931 and married him after he told her he was a jewelry salesman. He deserted her that winter and she has never seen him since.

Karpis has twice appeared before courts.

No impression was made on him. He is as unimpressed before the tribunal of his conscience.

He will probably remain that way—whether the remainder of his life is spent in Alcatraz prison or whether he marches to the gallows.

#### Officers Near Karpis.

G-men, sifting truth from rumor, fact from fiction, were slowly closing in on Karpis. The net was being inevitably drawn closer.

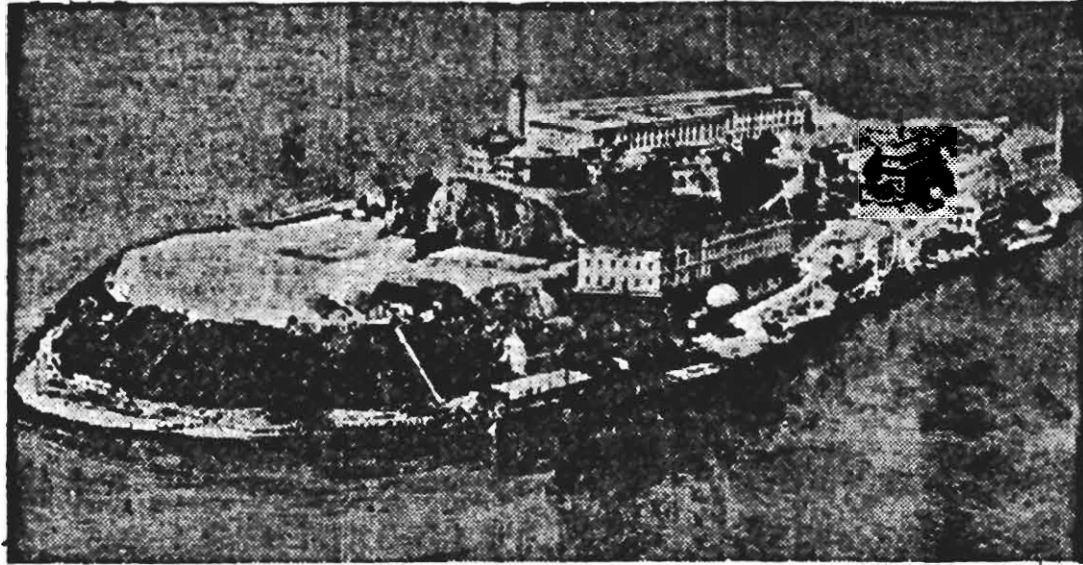
Intimate details of Karpis were whispered in various hideouts. Three stand out in strong relief because they accurately typify the career of this arch criminal.

When a Chicago prostitute asked Karpis for the pittance she said was her due, he whipped out his pistol and clubbed her into insensibility. He reached in her stocking top and took her small roll of bills. In his pockets he then had more than \$20,000 in "hot money."

Associates of Frank Nash contacted Karpis to obtain the services of a proficient killer for use in the Kansas City station when they planned to liberate Nash who was being taken to Leavenworth, Kan., prison. Karpis furnished Verne Miller, the former South Dakota sheriff, who turned bandit and killer. Miller did his share in the station slaughtering.

Miller made his mistake when he

## Day of Judgment Approaches for Karpis and His Gang



Alcatraz prison, located on a precipitous island in San Francisco bay, may soon receive Alvin Karpis unless the outlaw is executed for his many crimes. The picture shows America's Devil Island where criminals of the most vicious and irredeemable type are kept.



This picture of Alvin Karpis was taken when the public enemy was serving portion of a burglary term in the McAlester state prison in 1931.

### Alvin Karpis, Inc., "Crime Syndicate"

<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
Murders, 11	Kidnapings, \$300,000
Members in Prison, 15	Robberies, \$603,000
Members Killed, 10	Burglaries, \$176,200



William Hamm, Jr., left, and Edward G. Bremer were two of the kidnap victims of the Karpis mob. Hamm paid \$100,000 ransom while Bremer paid \$200,000 for his release.

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## BIBLE THOUGHT

As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear;  
so is a wicked ruler over the poor people.  
—Proverbs 28:15.

## EXPERT MAN-HUNTERS

THE long, crooked trail has practically ended for ALVIN KARPIS. Gratification over the capture of one of the last and worst of the gangsters who were so dangerously active and so plentiful a few years ago, must be mingled with approval for the federal agents. The gangster and his associates, knowing of other captures and slayings and knowing how determined the officers were to make the capture of the biggest rat still moving around, were very careful. Under all the circumstances, it is remarkable that the federal agents were able to move across the country on a call from New Orleans and to accomplish the job without bloodshed! It is remarkable there was not a "leak" somewhere.

Three years ago the criminal tide was running high. There seemed to be little prospect of subduing the kidnapers, murderers and bank robbers, all of whom had many protectors and many advantages. The formidable protection of gangsters has been effectually broken down. Kidnaping has been made so hazardous that it is rarely attempted now. Crime of the smaller sorts may be on the increase, but the major crimes, wherever and whenever they come within the purview of the G-men, are usually solved. It is not, of course, done by superhuman cunning or by luck or magic; it is done through the use of common sense, enormous industry and the use of scientific methods. It costs a great deal of money, but the country is highly pleased; it is spending which brings results. Had this country remained the criminals' bonanza it appeared to be in 1933, it would probably have reached anarchy by this time. The modern man-hunters of the better type are doing admirable work for all of us. The capture of Karpis was a particularly fine and important piece of work.

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May 4, 1936*

Moronic and oversentimental elements have been represented in Congress, recently, by Senator MCKELLAR of Tennessee and Representative ZIONCHECK of Washington. Both made peevish attacks upon J. EDGAR HOOVER and the bureau of investigation. It is now announced that the last of the O'MALLEY gang is in captivity, and that the kidnaping cases are all practically finished, except for the inevitable capture of ALVIN KARPIS. New York police succeeded in dragging the king of gangsters, LUCIANO, out of his protected area in Arkansas to New York for trial. It seems that the sob-sisters and infantile statesmen and bull-headed governors are not doing so well with their sloppy aid to gangsters these days.

Failure of pee-wee attempts to cripple the G-men force must be a severe disappointment to gangsters and their congressional sympathizers.

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Mr. Walter Biscup,  
c/o Tulsa Daily World,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Biscup:

I have received your letter of May 5, 1936, transmitting editorial comments appearing in the Tulsa Daily World concerning the recent capture of Alvin Karpis, and really enjoyed reading these articles. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in transmitting these comments to me and likewise appreciate your expression of congratulations.

I regret that I cannot at the present time comment upon the accuracy of your statements concerning Karpis in view of the fact that he is presently being held awaiting trial on several criminal charges.

Sincerely yours,

*Approved May 4*

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Mr. Edgar J. Hoover

Dear Sir.

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With Best wishes.  
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With Best wishes - I am

Respectfully,

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## Public Enemies do Not Deserve Mercy

THE smooth, precise manner in which the efficient J. Edgar Hoover and his men trapped the criminal, Karpis, in New Orleans is enough to make citizens glow with pride over the effectiveness of their federal bureau of investigation.

Nothing is more comforting than the knowledge, supported by visible performance, that one department of government is dedicated to the protection of the citizen, his home and his property.

And nothing is more discomfoting than the knowledge, supported by the records, that, at the same time, other departments of government are handling their public trust in such loose fashion as to endanger the safety of the citizen, his home and his property.

A disgraceful, sentiment-guided clemency system that blankets the United States is responsible for a crime condition that challenges the people of America.

There was absolutely no excuse for crime-warped Alvin Karpis to run loose up and down the nation at the head of a mob that murdered police officers and made big-time profits out of burglary, bank robbery and kidnaping. For Alvin Karpis showed his criminal tendency when he was a lanky lad of 16 under arrest in Topeka, Kan., for petty theft. He was sent to the state reformatory, from which he escaped. After a year of liberty he was rearrested and returned to the reformatory. He was transferred to the state penitentiary after knives were found in his possession. While in prison he and another hoodlum plotted a jewel robbery to be staged in Henryetta, Okla.

The record of Karpis should have been enough to keep him in prison. But he was paroled. The robbery at Henryetta was carried out. Karpis was caught but his companion was not. Karpis was sentenced to serve four years in Oklahoma's state prison. But he did not do this time. After three months in the Okmulgee county jail he was paroled by the trial judge. This known prison breaker and convicted thief was turned loose to prey upon the people who were contributing regularly to the support of prisons and courts and who had a right to feel they were being protected from dangerous criminals.

In the federal bureau of investigation at Washington there is a single fingerprint section devoted to the worst 12,600 of the nation's public enemies. The records show that more than 3,500 of these desperate men and women have at some time felt the angelic mercy of parole or probation or pardon or some form of sob sister clemency.

Congratulations to Mr. Hoover for at last cornering Bad-man Karpis, who never should have been at large. Condemnation to those who granted Karpis liberty and wished him god-speed after he revealed his criminal bent so clearly. And this warning to everybody: Unless restrictions are drawn more tightly around clemency, you or some member of your family or your home or your property soon may be the victim of a criminal out on parole.

*Alvin Karpis, Terror Victim 4-19-36*

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May 11, 1936.

Mr. Louis Weicensang,  
Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Weicensang:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated May 5, 1936, with which you enclosed a copy of the editorial entitled "Public Enemies do Not Deserve Mercy" which appeared in the May 4, 1936, issue of the Oklahoma City Times.

I want to express my appreciation for your thoughtfulness in bringing this editorial to my attention.

I am also very grateful for your personal commendatory remarks concerning my work.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

- Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_
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Mr. E. K. Gaylord,  
Editor,  
Oklahoma City Times,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Gaylord:

My attention has been called to the editorial entitled "Public Enemies do Not Deserve Mercy" which appeared in the May 4, 1936, issue of the Oklahoma City Times.

I am indeed appreciative of the commendatory references to this Bureau and my administration of it which you make in your editorial column from time to time.

I am pleased to observe the staunch stand which you have taken against misplaced clemency. If the public becomes fully cognizant of the existing improper parole practices, I feel that it will demand the much-needed corrections, which will help to improve the crime situation.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Time 12:40 PM  
Name Congressman Wright Patman, (D)  
of Texas tele

Referred to Mr. Quinn

Details:

Wished to offer his congratulations on the capture of Karpis. He was thanked on behalf of the Director. Rep. Patman wished to know if the reward offer had assisted in the apprehension and was referred to Mr. Quinn. 68p

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Honorable Wright Patman,  
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My dear Congressman:

I have received your message of congratulations upon the capture of Alvin Karpis, and want you to know how deeply grateful I am to you for your kind expressions. It makes one feel as if the many hours of hard work performed in this case, as well as in other cases, are more than compensated for when we receive the commendation of such a fine friend as you.

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

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. William Coyle,  
WMAL Broadcasting Station,  
712 - 11th Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Coyle:-

I listened in on your radio program on Monday night and I want you to know that I sincerely appreciate your commendatory references to the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and your congratulatory statements with respect to the apprehension of Alvin Karpis. It was very kind indeed of you to do this.

With sincere good wishes, I am

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

Dear Sir:

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Congratulations on your latest capture in the  
dragnet and your wholesome pillory of the real Public Enemy No. 1,  
the politician.

Sincerely yours,

Harold A. Whitney.

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Professor Harold H. Whitney,  
Department of Chemistry,  
DeWitt Clinton High School,  
Washolu Parkway and Paul Avenue,  
New York City, New York.

My dear Professor Whitney:

In response to your letter of May 5, 1936, I am pleased to transmit herewith the following publications which I believe you will find of interest in connection with subjects discussed by Mr. Coffey in his recent address in New York on chemistry in the detection of crime:

- The Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Training of Personnel
- The Technical Laboratory of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice
- Scientific Methods of Crime Detection in the Judicial Process

I trust that some of this material will be of interest to your students. I am sure you will understand that much of our material concerning Technical Laboratory subjects cannot be released due to its highly confidential nature.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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May 7, 1936.

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I wish to thank you for the copy you so kindly sent me of your excellent address, "PATRIOTISM AND THE WAR AGAINST CRIME", delivered before the last annual convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

I always read with pleasure and benefit whatever you have to say on the subject of crime. You always know what you are talking above and you say it in such an interesting and understandable way.

I wish to avail myself of this opportunity to congratulate you on the capture of Karpis. You and your men are doing great work and making for yourselves a fine record, meriting and receiving the gratitude of the Nation.

I also want to congratulate you on Congress having raised your annual salary from \$9,000. to \$10,000. They should raise it to \$25,000. As the head of a private detective agency you could make \$100,000. a year. The government is getting a wonderful bargain in securing your services for \$10,000. a year.

With best wishes, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

Jas. A. Moss.

Colonel, United States Army, Retired,  
PRESIDENT GENERAL

P.S. Knowing, as I do, of your interest in the anti-crime work of the United States Flag Association, I thought the second paragraph of the inclosed copy of a letter received a few days ago from the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana would please you. As you may know, many others think the same thing as Attorney General Porterie does, which is, naturally, to us a source of much satisfaction.

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Director,  
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Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

With reference to my report dated May 18, 1936,  
confidential informants referred to therein are identified,  
as follows:

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Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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May 8, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Just a line to add my congratulations to the thousands that you deserve and will undoubtedly receive regarding the capture of Karpis and the breaking up of his gang.

You have certainly earned the title "Public Benefactor Number One".

More power to you.

Sincerely yours,

*R. C. Sheldon*  
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Mr. Rowland G. Sheldon,  
Executive Director,  
National Crime Prevention  
Institute, Incorporated,  
425 Fourth Avenue,  
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Sheldon:

I have received your letter dated May 8,  
1936, and wish to express my sincere appreciation  
for the congratulations which you extend on the  
recent capture of Alvin Karpis by this Bureau.

It is indeed encouraging to receive such  
an expression of confidence.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Baughman .....
- Chief Clerk .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Coffey .....
- Mr. Edwards .....
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*Alvin Karpis - Commemorative*

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It was resolved at a meeting of the executive board of this association today to send to you an expression of our cordial approval of your splendid achievements in carrying out the duties of your office. We wish to voice our admiration in this way for your singular record of successes, signalized so recently by the capture in New Orleans of a notorious and dangerous fugitive.

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Sincerely,  
Maurice Weil

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Coral Gables, Florida  
P. O. Box 195

May 7, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 1,  
enclosing a copy of your address to the D. A. R. in Wash-  
ington on April 25, and to thank you for sending it to me.

I have just finished reading your address from beginning  
to end. Altho I suspected things were pretty bad, I did  
not realize the tremendous extent of the present crime wave.  
I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you, in  
behalf of our organization, and myself, for the splendid  
work of your men, particularly your capture in the last few  
days of some of the nations vilest criminals.

It is my intention of having your speech read at the next  
meeting of our group.

If you can spare the time, we should appreciate a word from  
you as to how an organization such as ours can help you in  
your work, aside from carrying out our duties as good citizens.

Again thanking you, and with best wishes for your success,

Cardially yours,

Karl D. Schmits.

Karl D. Schmits  
Secretary.

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May 8, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

The copy of your address "Patriotism and  
the War Against Crime" sent me under date of April 24th is  
greatly appreciated and I can assure you I have read it with  
much interest. Bringing such facts before a large gathering  
of the women of this National should be effective.

A few weeks ago one of your lieutenants -  
Mr. Reed Vetterli - spoke before our Masonic Club here in  
Wilmington. The meeting was largely attended and the talk most  
interesting and enjoyable.

*Down* It gave me much pleasure to read of your  
meeting with Karpis in New Orleans.

With my best wishes for the continuation  
of your good work, I am

Sincerely yours,

Howard R. Ingram /s/ *H.R. Ingram*  
Howard R. Ingram,  
510 S. Broom Street,  
Wilmington, Delaware.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter dated May 5,  
1936 from Sidney Caldwell, 913 Hickory Avenue, Duncan,  
Oklahoma, a copy of which is attached hereto.

I am not replying to Mr. Caldwell's letter,  
and it is suggested that you acknowledge the receipt  
of his letter.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Duncan, Okla.  
May 5, 1936.

Dwight Brantley  
Department of Justice  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

*John D. Dellinger*

I think it is the duty of  
Every American Citizen to write the Hon. J.  
Edgar Hoover, Director of the Department  
of Justice, a letter of appreciation in  
catching those Bad men Such as Baby Face  
Nelson, Dellinger, Machine Gun-Kelley  
Albert Bates, and Alvin Karpis.

Also you boys of the Department of Justice  
to you and Clarence Hurt in you noble way you  
in capturing Alvin Karpis. last week.

I want you boys to know that I am behind  
you boys always and I appreciate you Boy's  
more than I can tell you.

Your Friend

Sidney Caldwell  
913 Hickory Ave.  
Duncan,  
Okla.

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Mr. Sidney Caldwell,  
913 Hickory Avenue,  
Duncan, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

Your letter of May 5, 1936, addressed to  
Mr. Dwight Brantley, Special Agent in Charge of the  
Bureau's Oklahoma City office, has come to my attention.

Your commendation of the activities of the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation and its personnel  
in apprehending some of the nation's worst criminals  
is deeply appreciated by me. It is gratifying to  
know citizens are in accord with our efforts in law  
enforcement.

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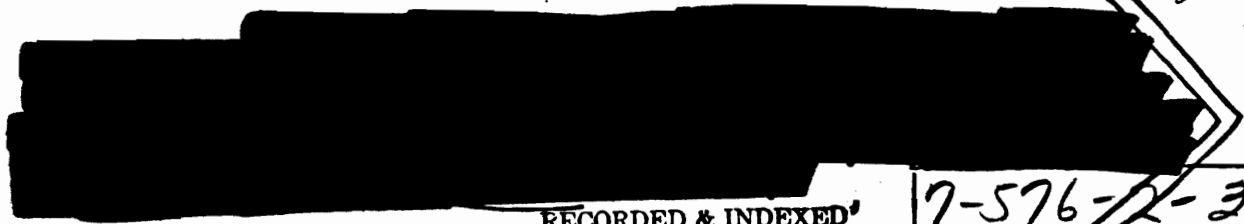
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Edgar:

Congratulations and best of luck. To say the least,  
I feel very happy over the newspaper reports of the last week, and  
I want to assure you that they are very encouraging to the other law  
enforcement agencies.

I have some information to the effect that

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City limits in Miami Shores, Florida. We have been watching them here  
because we expected they would try to open up a place in Miami but in-  
stead they went over the City line into the Shores. Not knowing that  
we had been trailing them closely, the Sheriff a few days ago closed  
the place in Miami Shores and the gang went back to the Beach where  
I am satisfied we can locate them if they are wanted.



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Edgar, keep up the good work. There are at least one  
hundred out of one-hundred and seventy men here that you can have at  
a moments notice, and I hope and trust that within a few years every  
law enforcement unit in the Unites States will be able to give as good  
if not better service and co-operation.

MAY 29 1936

I should appreciate it very much if you would send me  
the complete record of "Little Auggie" whose right name is Augie Carfano  
or Anthony Carfano, alias Anthony Pisano, fingerprint classification  
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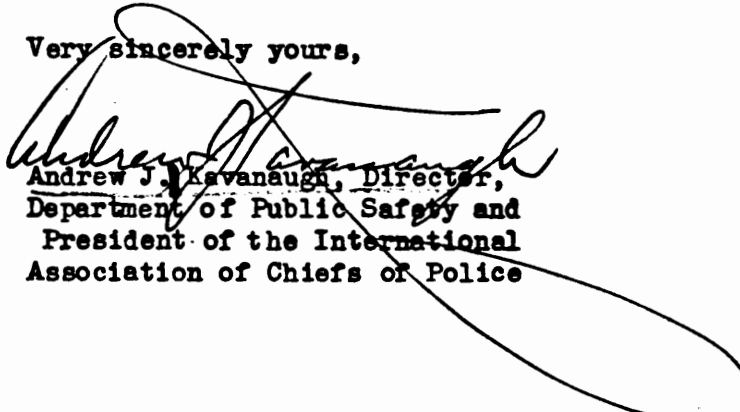
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May 8, 1936

For your information, we have changed Chiefs of Police. We have been very fortunate in having appointed the investigation expert of the State's Attorney's Office, Mr. John B. Rowland. Rowland worked under State's Attorney Hawthorne who, by the way, was State's Attorney that exposed a great many forms of graft in the City of Miami. Rowland was kept on by our mutual friend George A. Worley at a salary of \$3,600 per year, but now he has been appointed Chief at a salary of \$4,000 per year, so I believe that the salary is sufficient to be attractive. Although he has had no experience in the actual handling of men he has had experience in investigation which is one of the things that is very much lacking at the present time. John is to begin work on May 18th, and I have every confidence that John is going to work directly under me and will give me one-hundred percent co-operation.

With kindest personal regards, and sincerest best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

  
Andrew J. Kavanaugh, Director,  
Department of Public Safety and  
President of the International  
Association of Chiefs of Police

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May 22, 1936.

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Mr. Andrew J. Kavanaugh,  
Director,  
Department of Public Safety,  
Miami, Florida.

Dear Andy:

Upon my return to the City I received your letter of May 8, 1936, and appreciate sincerely your expressions of commendation for the Bureau's recent investigative accomplishments.

I have noted that Pete Lacovola and Joe Massey, alleged members of the "Purple Gang" are now in Miami Beach. I regret to advise you that neither Pete Lacovola nor Marty Guilfoyle has any criminal record according to the files of the Identification Division of the Bureau. As of possible interest to you, I am attaching hereto the criminal records of Joe Massey and Willie Massey.

Max Annenberg, I regret to advise you, does not have any criminal record as indicated by the Bureau's Identification files. I am, however, attaching hereto a copy of the criminal record of Anthony Carfano, alias "Little Angie", who is undoubtedly identical with the individual to whom you refer.

I hope these enclosures will be of some assistance to you.

With sincere personal regards and hoping that I may soon see you, I am,

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

- Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Baughman \_\_\_\_\_
- Chief Clerk \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice

420 Post Office Bldg.,  
Dallas, Texas.

May 6, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith an editorial  
taken from the DALLAS TIMES-HERALD of May 5, 1936.  
This editorial is captioned "Karpis Comes to Justice,"  
and was written by B. C. Jefferson.

Very truly yours,

*F. J. Blake*  
F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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DALLAS TIMES-HERALD  
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**KARPIS COMES TO JUSTICE.**

ALVIN KARPIS—"Old Creepy" to the underworld—yields his rank as Public Enemy No. 1 to a successor, as yet unnamed. Karpis' capture by federal agents in New Orleans marks another important victory for the "G-men" and increases the public's confidence in that branch of the national government.

Criminals like Karpis have revealed the impotence of local authority. The underworld knows no state boundaries. A dangerous gangster can move faster than state or local police. If they kill or capture him, luck is on their side, and their work is more a matter of circumstance than of well-organized effort. A man of Karpis' caliber has the odds on his side unless a nation-wide manhunt can be organized against him. That is what Director J. Edgar Hoover of the department of justice bureau of investigation did, and it was certain to bring results sooner or later.

Another decade of the federal agents' work should bring this country nearer the example of England, where the certainty of arrest and punishment leave no hope for the criminal.

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*Tom C. Good  
Editor in  
Chief*

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May 16, 1936.

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Mr. T. G. Coosh,  
Editor in Chief,  
Times-Herald,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Mr. Coosh:

I have just read the editorial entitled  
"Karpis Comes to Justice," which appeared in the  
May 8, 1936, issue of the Times-Herald.

I want to express my sincere appreciation  
for the commendatory statements which you so generously  
make concerning the accomplishments of this Bureau.  
I sincerely hope that our endeavor to obtain a  
creditable improvement in the crime situation will  
continue to meet with your approbation.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

- Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Baughman \_\_\_\_\_
- Chief Clerk \_\_\_\_\_
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R.I.  
PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS  
161 FOUNTAIN STREET  
MILES A. GLIDDEN, SUPERINTENDENT

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- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Baughman .....
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PROVIDENCE, R. I. May 8, 1936.

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

This is sent you for the sole purpose of offering to you my earnest and hearty congratulations upon the splendid achievement accomplished under your personal leadership by the "G" men acting in accordance with your instructions which resulted in the recent arrest of Karpis, Campbell and Mahan. It is most encouraging to the law enforcement officials of the country to know that a man of your efficiency and integrity is in control of the Federal law enforcement and your new attainment in effecting results will surely serve as an incentive to each person engaged in preserving the peace and order of the nation.

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

Sincerely yours,  
*Miles A. Glidden*  
MILES A. GLIDDEN,  
Superintendent of Police.

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Mr. Elias A. Whidden,  
Superintendent,  
Providence Police Department,  
161 Fountain Street,  
Providence, Rhode Island.

My Dear Superintendent:

I have received your letter of May 8, 1936,  
and want you to know how deeply appreciative I am of  
your approval of this Bureau's recent good fortune  
in apprehending some of the better known criminals.

It is indeed a sustaining factor to those  
in the Bureau to know of your confidence in our  
efforts to attain an improvement in the crime  
situation, and the success that will ultimately be  
gained will, in a large part, be due to the fine  
cooperation which is received from our police  
departments.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

- Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
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Edw. J. Bremer - Commissioner

From Joseph Pollock - May 8, 1936

Dear Sir:

You and your F.B.I. boys are to be congratulated. You made a clean sweep of ganglands desperado trio. <sup>de</sup>Karpis, <sup>and</sup> Mahan, and <sup>and</sup> Campbell. Here's wishing continued success.

An ardent admirer - Joe Pollock

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May 12, 1936.

Mr. Joseph Pollock,  
5717 Larchwood Avenue,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Pollock:

I have just received your postal card dated May 8, 1936, extending your congratulations for the recent apprehension of Alvin Karpis, William Baird and Harry Campbell by Special Agents of this Bureau.

I want you to know how deeply I appreciate your words of commendation. Such expressions of confidence compensate for the long hours of work.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E.A. Tamm
- Chief Clerk
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
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R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. G. WILKINSON  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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*Alvin O. Harphud  
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RECORDED 7-576-2-40 May 4, 1936.

Mr. Syd Livingston,  
The New York Journal,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Livingston:

I have received your telegram of congratulations relative to the capture of Alvin Karpis in New Orleans, and want you to know how deeply appreciative I am of the kind expressions contained therein.

It really makes us feel that the many hours of hard work which must necessarily be performed in cases such as this are more than compensated for when we know of the interest in and approbation of our efforts on the part of the public-spirited citizens of our country. Your telegram is a source of real inspiration to us here in the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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
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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

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May 9, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:-

I am transmitting herewith an editorial  
from the Miami (Florida) Herald of May 7, 1936,  
entitled "Karpis", which contains commendatory re-  
ferences to you and the Bureau. Mr. Frank B. Stone-  
man is Editor of the Miami Herald.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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From the Herald, Miami, Florida, May 7, 1936

**KARPIS**

THESE terrible public enemies who are built up to heroic proportions by publicity prove weak cowards often when trapped with the odds against them. They are daring when they have the drop on unarmed victims but they regard their own lives very highly when the guns are aimed at them. They may be clever at avoiding detection and capture, the law may be slow in tracing them, but eventually it catches up.

Alvin Karpis, kidnaper, alleged murderer and bandit, declared he would never be taken alive. He was—in New Orleans without firing a shot. Suddenly faced by J. Edgar Hoover, and his federal department of justice agents, Karpis meekly surrendered.

Flown to St. Paul, Minn., he shivers in the cold, he hides his face from the camera, he cravenly cracks up under questioning and confesses the \$300,000 ransom kidnappings of Edward G. Bremer, banker, and William Hamm, brewer. Characterized as America's most desperate criminal, he turned out to be very tame indeed.

When Karpis saw the game was up, he may have been moved by thoughts of the late Mr. Dillinger, who was shot in his tracks. It may be suspected that the G-men were rather sorry

that Karpis did not make some attempt to flee or fight as that would have provided the excuse for prompt execution. That is one certain method of ending American criminals. Karpis had served other sentences, been released by the foolish law. Now he faces a couple of life terms but, as he knows, while there is life there is always possibility of release.

Miami is gratified at his capture, although it does deprive us of one of our winter visitors, who liked this climate and fishing. But we can get along very well without such customers and their women. Congratulations go to the officers responsible.

*Frank B. Stinson  
Editor*

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May 16, 1936.

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Mr. Frank E. Stoneman  
Editor in Chief,  
Miami Herald  
Miami, Florida.

Dear Mr. Stoneman:

My attention has been called to your editorial entitled "Karpis," which appeared in the Miami Herald on May 7, 1936.

I want to thank you for the commendatory references which you make to the success of this Bureau in its recent apprehension of Alvin Karpis. I was particularly pleased with the manner in which you allayed any glorification which might have surrounded this individual merely because the title of "Public Enemy No. 1" had been publicly attributed to him.

With best wishes and kind regards,

I am

Sincerely yours,

- Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Baughman \_\_\_\_\_
- Chief Clerk \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
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- Miss Gandy ✓

Marshfield, Oregon  
 May 8, 1936.  
 P.O. Box 921

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

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Wm. Kargis - Commendation

Dear Mr. Hoover-

Permit me to take the liberty of writing you concerning the splendid work which the Federal Bureau of Investigation has accomplished during the past ten days. In spite of a good deal of adverse criticism the department has carried on under your able guidance and the whole nation will realize the value of your work. My hearty congratulations are yours. Carry on.

Since Mr. Purdue resigned from the department I have been much disturbed at his thirst for publicity. It seems to me that it is unbecoming to his intelligence and the good work that he has done in the past. I sincerely hope that others of the F.B.I. will not follow in his footsteps on that score.

Surely the success of the department in apprehending the violent element during the past year or two will prove a means of dampening the ardor of others who might have like ambitions. I look for the time to come when the name of the F.B.I. will strike terror to the hearts of criminals - far more so than Scotland Yard has ever done. I am much interested in the scientific phase of criminology and enjoy very much the thought that you have approached crime and criminals from that angle.

Wishing you the greatest success in your work.

Yours very truly,  
 Mr. W.B. Jarvis, Chemist.

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MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER  
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WASHINGTON, D. C.



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Mr. W. B. Jarvis,  
Post Office Box 921,  
Marshfield, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Jarvis:

I have received your letter of May 8, 1936, and want to express my sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness in writing to extend your congratulations on this Bureau's recent good fortune in apprehending major criminals.

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

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover Esq  
Dept of Justice  
Washington D.C.

In view of recent events, I thought  
you might care to see this clipping.  
Congratulations

Sincerely  
J. Davis  
Valdosta Times  
Valdosta Ga

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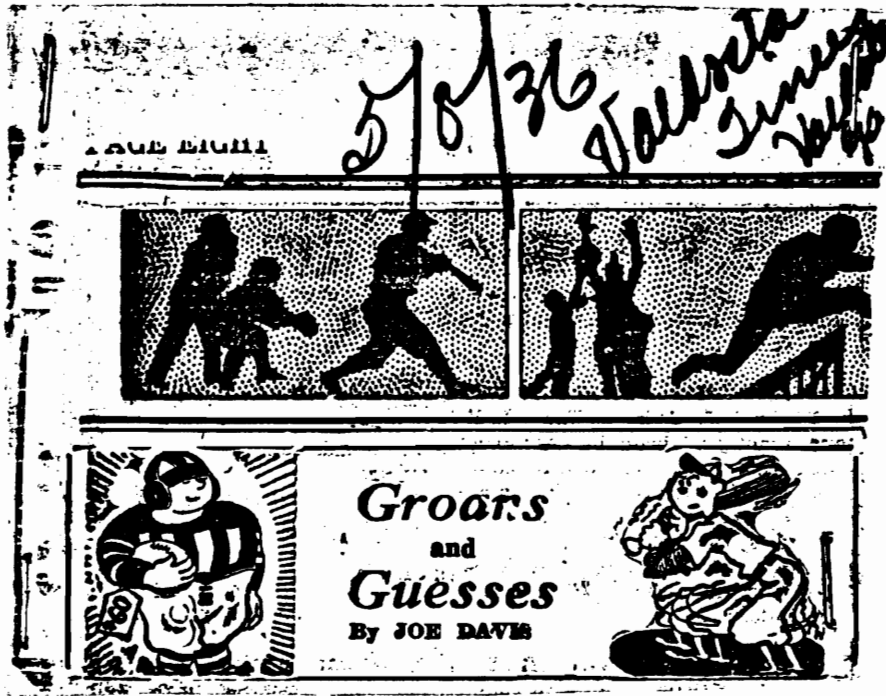
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### G- MEN AND THEIR SUCCESS

Sometimes we wonder just how the high and mighty senator from Tennessee, who recently criticized in rather harsh words the leader of the G-men—the department of justice, J. Edgar Hoover, and his workers—and suggested disarming them, now that in three quick swoops in widely separated sections of the nation those same G-men have knocked off three of four "wanted kidnapers" of number one infamy in the United States. And in two of those instances, the very leader of the G-men, Mr. Hoover himself, took the lead in the arrests.

Here is the recent record:

Arrest of Alvin Karpis, the man who wrote Hoover a letter threatening him, who directed at least two major kidnappings, who is charged with murder, robbery, extortion and other crimes against the law of the land, who blasted his way in his B. V. D.'s with blazing guns from a police trap in Atlantic City last year and who is the recognized leader of one of the worst gangs of hoodlums in the nation was taken without a struggle in New Orleans last week by the G-men, led by their chief.

Harry Campbell, companion of Karpis in the shooting at Atlantic City, and his companion and accomplice in numerous crimes and kidnappings, was taken yesterday in Toledo by G-men, again led by their chief. There was only a "little resistance" to arrest.

William Mahan, brains behind the horrible kidnaping of the little Weyerhaeuser lad in Tacoma, was arrested in San Francisco yesterday. On his person was found several thousands of dollars of the \$200,000 ransom paid by the lad's family for his safe return.

Now there remains the half-crazed Thomas H. Robinson, wanted in the kidnaping, sometime ago, in Tennessee of Mrs. Berry Stoll, who was returned to her home af-

ter the payment of a huge ransom. Robinson, said to be travelling about the nation, a hunted fugitive figure in woman's clothing, afraid of his very shadow, will soon be taken, you may be sure of that, for the G-men have him marked for their very own.

Since the G-men began their drive against criminals sometime ago, the theme song for public enemies might well be "going down the valley one by one," only sometimes they are going two by two.

Among those wiped out, or put out of circulation have been such figures as Machine Gun Kelly, John Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson, Gene Verne, George Hamilton, Harry Van Metter, Ma Baker and her devil's spawn of a son, and many others.

Among other works of the good for the law and order of this nation, that the G-men's success is bringing about is the fright that is being inspired in the minds of those who might like to be termed public enemies, or public rats, as the G-man chief would have them called. The psychological effect is beginning to be felt.

For instance, a news story from New Orleans, states that yesterday, Alfred (Red) Raina, arrived there from New York and surrendered to the United States marshal because he was frightened at the way the G-men have been tracking down criminals. He had been sought since last November as a member of one of the largest dope smuggling rings ever uncovered in the southern crescent city.

"I'm glad its over," he was quoted as saying, "I knew you'd get me sooner or later."

And now its been nearly a year since the last major kidnaping in the United States. Truly, the G-men are performing a great work of good.

And another thing—one that makes the G-men different from the Royal Northwest Mounted of Canada, they not only get their man, but they usually get their women too.

Yeah, we imagine the penate from Tennessee must feel rather like a plugged dime.

*The Times  
Valdosta, Georgia  
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May 16, 1936

Mr. Joe Davis,  
Waldosta Times,  
Waldosta, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Davis:

I have received your letter dated May 8,  
with which you enclosed an editorial entitled "B-Bad  
and Their Success," which appeared in the Waldosta  
Times of that date.

I want to sincerely thank you for your  
thoughtfulness in calling this to my attention. It  
is indeed gratifying to note the commendatory state-  
ments made in this editorial concerning the work of  
the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

- Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Baughman \_\_\_\_\_
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cc - Atlanta

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ALBERT D. AYRES  
W. M. GARDINER  
MILES N. PIKE

AYRES, GARDINER & PIKE  
COUNSELLORS AT LAW  
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
RENO, NEVADA

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May 5, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I desire to congratulate you upon the good work done in capturing Karpis. It seems a little strange that one having the extensive duties that you have should take the field in person, but I think it is an example of sterling leadership to your men and particularly a showing that when the supposedly most dangerous enemy is to be captured you go into the field yourself, and take every risk that you ask the men to. I believe the nation is particularly proud of you at the present time.

The night after we learned of the capture I went into the Sheriff's office in Reno to see how the deputies were taking it. They were delighted. The Sheriff was not there but I have since seen him. His entire office is enthusiastically trying to give you every possible support. A man here went into a lingerie store, looked over some women's apparel, finally bought a woman's night robe. He kept looking at the back door. The people who owned the store were talking to friends and the friends spoke of "Robinson". The storekeepers thought the man looked like him so the Sheriff's office and the police force were out all night and had a little excitement of their own hoping they were going to get him. However, the man when captured proved to be only a "dope fiend" and "nut".

There was also a rumor that Mahan was coming this way and the Sheriff's office was extremely active. I keep in pretty close touch with the Sheriff's office because they are friends of mine and they are I am quite sure extremely enthusiastic not only in their own local work but in cooperating with your department in every way possible.

I hope that you may soon have Robinson, Mahan, Campbell and others of the most sought after public enemies.

I thought you might like to know the things in this

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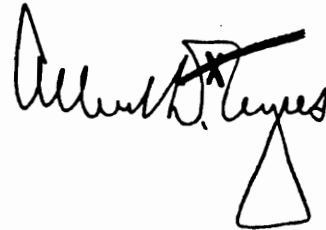
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letter and I am writing entirely in a spirit of friendship and cooperation.

I am also reading your articles in the American and find them not only interesting but extremely instructive.

Very truly yours,

ADA/d

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Albert H. Hayes". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a stylized flourish at the end.

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May 14, 1936.

Mr. Albert D. Ayres,  
Ayres, Gardiner and Pike,  
Counsellors at Law,  
First National Bank Building,  
Reno, Nevada.

Dear Mr. Ayres:

I want to thank you for your letter, dated May 5, 1936, in which you offer your congratulations upon the capture of Alvin Karpis. I was pleased to learn that the news of the capture of this criminal was so enthusiastically received in the Sheriff's Office in Reno, and I am deeply appreciative of the support which that office has given to this Bureau.

I am glad that you have enjoyed my articles appearing in The American Magazine.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

- Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_
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1159 Jackson Avenue,  
New York, New York,  
May 9, 1936.

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Mr. John Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, District of Columbia.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I am a young man seventeen years of age and I am in my freshman year at Brooklyn College. Your group's method of working has incited my American blood to a feverish temperature and recently with your capture of Alvin Karpis and his aide, you surpassed all bounds. I know that my congratulations to you would seem as mountains beneath the celestial bodies as compared to the thanks that these whole United States render to you.

*Constitution*

Now that I have rendered my thanks, I would like to ask of you whether a four year college training is necessary before I can have any chance of getting into your ballistics division. I have never had any chance to take up ballistics itself, although I have done some rifle (.22) shooting along with a little revolver practice. I did this shooting at the 102 Engineers' Armory under the supervision of Lieutenant H. C. Cohen. While shooting, I noticed all the spiral grooves that ran the length of the bore. Thus began my interest in ballistics. I obtained a book from the Peters Ammunition Company on "Visible Ballistics", and read it straight through. The subject is one of fascinating content.

In my college course, I shall major in art. The closest I can come to ballistics is in the drafting course that is given in collaboration with art. I hope I am not asking too much if I ask you to send me some information about the government ballistics bureau.

Yours very truly,

*Henry L. Palley*  
Henry L. Palley.

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May 15, 1936.

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Mr. Henry L. Palley,  
1159 Jackson Avenue,  
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Palley:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 9, 1936 and to thank you for your commendation of this Bureau and its work.

In connection with your inquiry concerning qualifications for firearms identification work I wish to advise that it is not possible to definitely outline a course of instruction to qualify one for a position in the Technical Laboratory of this Bureau. The personnel of the Laboratory, in addition to university training in physics, chemistry and other sciences, have had additional training in the particular phase of the work in which they are engaged.

For your interest I am enclosing two pamphlets entitled, "Development and Admissibility of Ballistics and Firearms Evidence" and "Firearms Evidence at the Scene of Crime".

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
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Postoffice Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
May 7, 1936.



KPO:TS

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith an editorial  
which appeared in the Birmingham News of May 4, 1936,  
concerning the capture of Alvin Karpis by the Bureau.

This editorial was written by Mr. Osborn  
Zuber, staff writer for the Birmingham News. The  
publisher of the Birmingham News is Victor H. Hanson,  
who is Chairman of the Board.

Very truly yours,

E. P. GUINANE  
Special Agent in Charge

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The Birmingham News  
Birmingham, Alabama  
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(Editorial)

### The Capture Of Alvin Karpis

The G-men have scored again in their fight on crime. Alvin Karpis, the most-sought criminal in the country, has been captured, and without the firing of a shot, though he is said to have boasted that he "wouldn't be taken alive." So perfectly planned and executed was the federal agents' descent upon Karpis, under the personal direction of J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Department of Investigation, Karpis did not have a chance to make a show of resistance.

Karpis, wanted in connection with two sensational kidnapings, a mail train robbery and the slaying of a Missouri sheriff, was the last on the list of the more notorious criminals who were the special objects of the G-men's activities in the last two or three years. Now he and one of his men, Fred Hunter, have been overtaken by the same relentless forces who have put an end to the criminal careers of John Dillinger, "Pretty Boy" Floyd, "Baby Face" Nelson and scores of other criminals.

There is not now remaining at large a single criminal of such notoriety as Dillinger, Floyd, Nelson or Karpis. But of course there are always criminals to be captured, and it is announced that now William Mahan has moved to the top of the federal agents' "wanted" list.

The capture of Karpis comes with special timeliness in view of the criticism which was recently directed against the federal agents in Congress. A few representatives and senators sought to make a considerable reduction in the appropriation for the federal agents, and in their arguments they belittled the accomplishments of the G-men. The great majority in Congress are aware, however, as the American public is aware, of the great good that the federal agents have done, and the full appropriation was voted. The capture of Karpis, coming just at this time, is a vindication of the judgment of those members of Congress who stood up for the G-men.

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Danville, Ill., Commercial-News,  
May 7th, 1936.

(Jack Williams, City Editor)

#### CUTTING THEM DOWN

Alvin Karpis may or may not have been Public Enemy No. 1—the G-Men say he wasn't so far as they're concerned—but he is unquestionably a thoroughly dangerous crook. His arrest by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is another feather in the much befeathered cap of that remarkable organization.

It also is gratifying to note that the arrest was accomplished without the firing of a shot, so thorough and secret had been the preparations of the federal agents. In fact so quiet had the whole affair been kept that officials of the bureau in Washington got their first information that an arrest had been planned from the men on the scene in New Orleans.

Quite aside from its spectacular elimination of a series of dangerous criminals, the Federal Bureau, under Mr. Hoover's direction, has been instrumental in restoring public confidence in the strength and length of Uncle Sam's traditionally long arm.

It is clear that more and more an aroused public opinion, acting through police departments of many sorts, has crime on the run in this country. Professional crime of the Dillinger-Hamilton-Nelson-Karpis school is becoming too risky. Men and women of the underworld have come to dread and fear this remorselessly efficient machine which has been built in Washington for their destruction. That is a good frame of mind to maintain.

May 7, 1933,  
Danville, Illinois.

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Testimonial to the Department of Justice



H. G. Lock

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. DRAWER "V",  
Plaza Station,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

May 9, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

For the information of the Bureau, there is enclosed a very favorable editorial on the work of the Bureau contained in the Danville, Illinois Commercial News under date of May 7, 1936 entitled "CUTTING THEM DOWN".

Special Agent (A) G. A. Stevens of this office, who was in Danville on other matters, personally met Jack Williams, City Editor of the Commercial News, and found him to be very friendly toward the Bureau and several agents whom he knows personally.

It is believed that the Bureau will desire to direct a letter to Mr. Williams commenting on his favorable article. During Agent Stevens' conversation with Mr. Williams the latter advised that his first name is Jack.

Very truly yours,

Jay C. Newman  
JAY C. NEWMAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. E. G. Brown,  
Editor,  
The Commercial News,  
Danville, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Brown:

My attention has just been called to the editorial entitled "Cutting Them Down," which appeared in The Commercial News on May 7, 1936.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the commendatory statements which you make concerning the accomplishments of this Bureau. I am particularly pleased with the credit which you accord our work in restoring public confidence in law enforcement. With the assistance of a cooperative public, a tremendous improvement in the crime situation can be gained in the years to come.

I am taking the liberty of placing your name on this Bureau's mailing list to receive future editions of Uniform Crime Reports and other publications which are periodically released.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

- Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_
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cc-St. Louis  
Mr. Harbo

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Hearty congratulations upon your continued success.  
Thought you might be interested in seeing the enclosed.

Sincerely yours

*George Barton*

( George Barton )

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*Answered by G. S. etc  
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Dear Mr. Barton:

I have received your letter of May 9, 1936, with which you enclosed an editorial entitled "Thanks to the G-Men" and a cartoon entitled "Guess the Old Boy Has A Right to Feel A Bit Cocky!" which appeared in the May 9, 1936, issue of the Philadelphia Inquirer.

It was very thoughtful of you to bring these to my attention and I want you to know how appreciative I am of the commendatory statements in the article concerning the accomplishments of this Bureau. I hope that our work will continue to merit the confidence which has been editorially expressed in your paper.

I also want to thank you for your personal congratulations.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_
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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Hoover:

I acknowledge your letter  
of April 25 with enclosure of your  
address, "Patriotism and the War  
Against Crime."

I have been very much in-  
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editorial comments of various  
newspapers upon your attitude.  
I am enclosing herewith editorial  
which appeared today in the  
Indianapolis Star.

With best personal wishes,  
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Sincerely yours,

*Philip Lutz, Jr.*  
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Political influence and the aid of disreputable criminal lawyers in league with the underworld, make conviction difficult. Shooting on the spot, of course, is too good for the major criminals. If they escape the chair, they should spend life at hard labor, with none of the coddling in which sentimental reformers indulge.

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Honorable Philip Lutz, Jr.,  
Attorney General,  
State of Indiana,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

I have received your letter dated May 8,  
1936, with which you enclosed a copy of the editorial  
entitled "Public With G-Men," which appeared in the  
Indianapolis Star, Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 8.

I want to sincerely thank you for your  
thoughtfulness in bringing this editorial to my  
attention. It is indeed encouraging to observe the  
editorial approval which is accorded this Bureau's  
endeavors to obtain an improvement in the crime  
situation.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Mr. Charles W. Moon,  
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Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Moon:

I have received your postal card dated May 8,  
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May 9, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed is an official copy of this Year's  
conference program.

I want to thank you very kindly for all the  
favors you have shown towards us in helping put our program  
across.

I also want to congratulate you and the  
men of your Bureau for the splendid work which they have  
accomplished in the past week in ridding the country of  
criminals.

If our association can in any way help you  
with our program, kindly advise at any time.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Sam Ryerson, Jr.,

Sam Ryerson, Jr.,  
State Sociologist.

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Mr. Sam Myerson, Jr.,  
State Sociologist,  
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Springfield, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Myerson:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of April 27, 1936, with which you enclosed copies of your letters to Mr. Oscar Dahlquist, Rockford Boys' Club, Rockford, Illinois, and to Mr. D. M. Ladd, Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago office of this Bureau, relative to the address which Mr. Ladd was scheduled to give at the Rockford High School on May 13. I also wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 9 enclosing a copy of the program for the Fifth Annual Conference on Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency which was held in Rockford on May 12 and 13.

Please be assured that it has been a pleasure to cooperate with you in connection with these two programs. I was sorry that Mr. Ladd could not attend. Inspector L. C. Schilder has advised me of the pleasure he derived from giving the high school address. What I have heard about the Rockford conference indicates that it was very successful.

It was very thoughtful of you to offer your congratulations upon the Bureau's success in apprehending some of the major criminals.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC CHICAGO  
CC MR SCHILDER

OFFICE OF  
SHERIFF OF WINNEBAGO COUNTY

DECORAH, IOWA

May 9, 1936.

J.E. Hoover,  
Director,  
F. B. I.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

We are much pleased in saying the address made before our local Chamber of Commerce, May 4, by D.M.Ladd, was well received by a full house, the youthfull appearance, straight forward talk made many of them wish they could listen an hour longer.

Mr. Ladd informed us that the blanks, for the civil identification files, would be mailed from your office, and at the same time please send any instructions regarding the handling of them.

All officers, and law abiding citizens, honor you and your men for the very excellant job of cleaning-up the "big shots" and especially the last three "catches".

We again offer our co-operation to your Department.

Yours very truly

/s/ Mike C. Graf, Sheriff

Mike C. Graf.

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5547 Kales Avenue  
Oakland, California  
May 5, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

I have chosen you as the proper authority to whom to submit an idea that came to me recently and one - according to my limited depth of thinking - that might prove to be efficacious in dealing with criminals. I refer to such desperados as Alvin Karpis and others who have caused the erasure of all doubts concerning their criminal careers.

It is my suggestion that the last initial of said criminal be tattooed on the back of both of his hands, branding him for life and being a means of identifying him should he make his escape.

Both hands should be tattooed; one could be bandaged, but if both bore his initial and were in bandages continually it would cause suspicion.

I hope that you will think favorably of my idea and will brand Karpis.

My congratulations for the wonderful work you and your department are doing.

Very sincerely yours,

(Miss) Grace A. Pister

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May 15, 1936

Miss Grace A. Pfister,  
5547 Kales Avenue,  
Oakland, California.

Dear Miss Pfister:

I have your letter of May 5, in which you suggest that well known criminals should have their initials tattooed on the backs of their hands, as a means of positive identification.

It was very thoughtful of you to make this suggestion and I shall certainly keep it in mind.

I want to thank you for your commendatory statements concerning the accomplishments of this Bureau.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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J EDGAR HOOVER

DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION US DEPT  
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ACCEPT MY HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS FOR YOUR CAPTURE  
OF ALVIN KARPIS

R L JONES CHIEF OF POLICE

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May 4, 1936.

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Mr. R. L. Jones,  
Chief of Police,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Chief Jones:

I have received the telegram which you so thoughtfully sent me, extending your congratulations upon the capture of Alvin Karpis. I want you to know how deeply grateful I am to you for your very kind expressions. The hard work which such a case demands is more than compensated for when one receives such a fine telegram of approbation such as you sent, particularly since it comes from one mutually interested in law enforcement.

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

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tolson .....
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May 4, 1936.

Mr. Harry Gusack,  
The Park Central Hotel,  
1900 F Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gusack:

I have received your congratulatory message relative to the capture of Alvin Karpis. I want you to know how deeply appreciative I am of your interest and approbation. It really makes one feel as if the long hours of toil have indeed been worth while when such an expression is received from his friends.

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

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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**JAMES H. FERRIE**

17302 LAVERNE AVENUE

CLEVELAND, OHIO

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Mr. Baughman	
Chief Clerk	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Joseph	✓
Mr. Keith	
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Mr. Tracy	
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May, 9, 1936

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

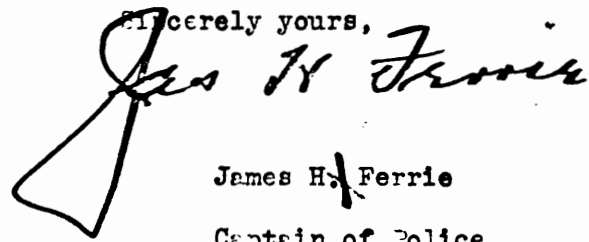
Sir:-

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you on the successful outcome of the search for Karpis.

As a father and as a Police Captain I was very much interested in this quest. For the Karpis Gang habitated a dwelling within a few hundred feet of my own home, endangering my children. Several times, while on duty, I had occasion to send squads of Police officers after this criminal.

Let me once more reiterate my deep gratitude for what you have done, and I extend to you the most heartfelt congratulations.

Sincerely yours,



James H. Ferrie  
 Captain of Police  
 Thirteenth Precinct

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Mr. James H. Ferris,  
Captain of Police,  
17302 Laverne Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Captain Ferris:

I have received your letter of May 9,  
1936, and wish to express my sincere appreciation  
for your thoughtfulness in sending congratulations  
on the recent apprehension of Alvin Karpis by this  
Bureau.

It is indeed encouraging to receive such  
expressions of approbation, and I sincerely hope  
that the work of this Bureau will continue to merit  
your confidence and approval.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
413 Seward Sq S.E.,  
Washington, D.C.

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My dear Mr. Hoover:-

I want to

extend to you my personal  
and sincere congratulations  
on your very fine work of  
putting "public enemy number  
one" out of circulation.

I have just  
learned of the capture of this

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man, under your personal  
direction and I am as  
pleased at your success  
as I would have been  
had I been a member  
of your efficient force  
who captured him.

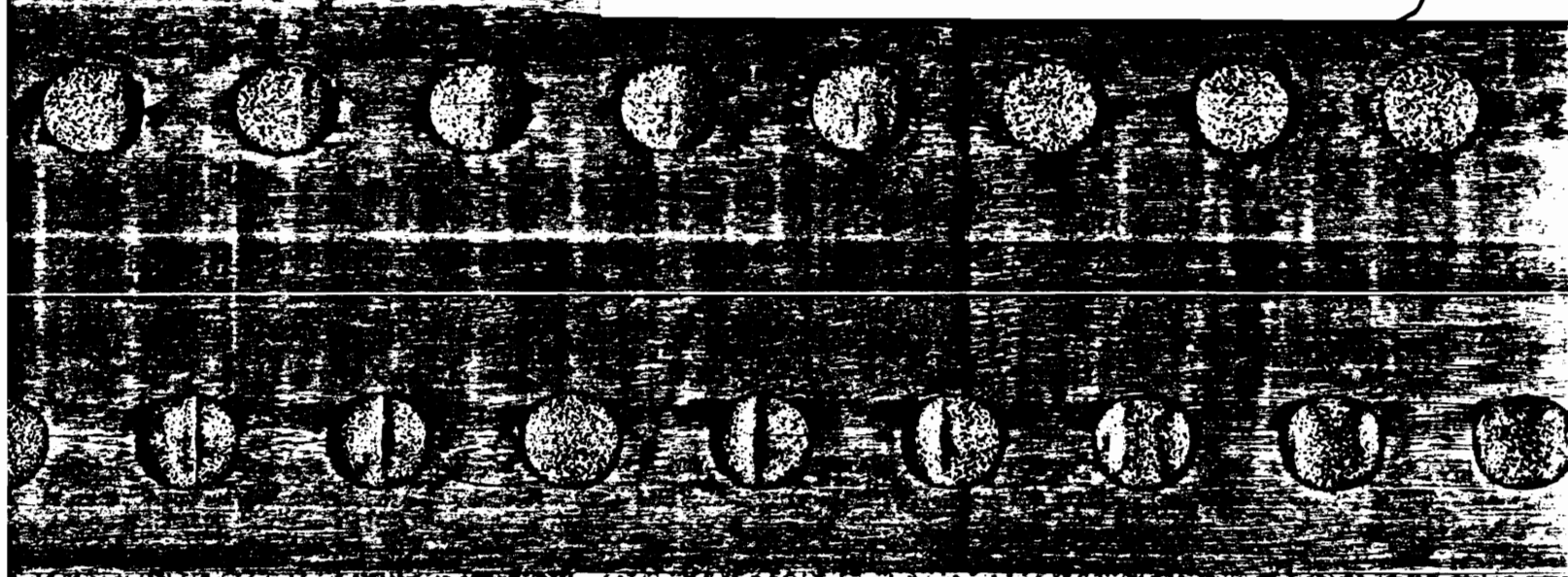
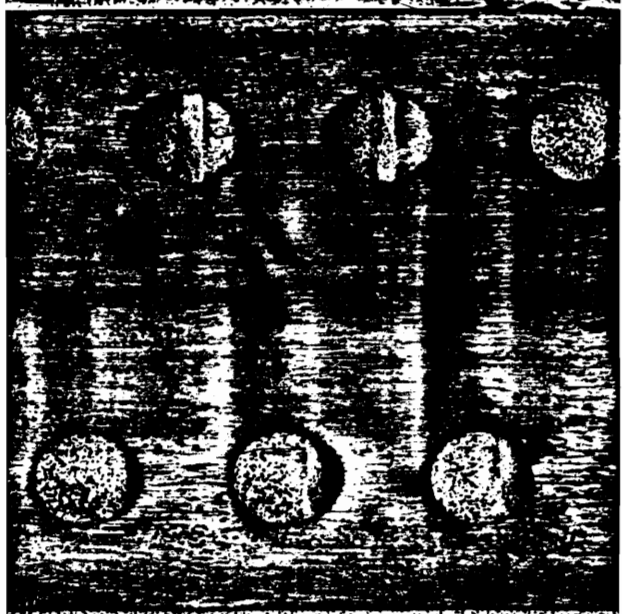
Our radio station here  
in Pittsburgh for once gave  
credit where credit was  
due when it announced  
the capture under your  
personal supervision.

With kindest regards  
and sincere wishes for

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Very truly yours

Jack



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May 4, 1936.

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Mr. James Jones,  
1106 Fernmount Avenue,  
Dormant,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Jack:

I have just received your letter of May 1st relative to the capture of Alvin Karpis, and want you to know how deeply appreciative I am of the kind expressions contained therein.

It makes one feel as if the many hours of hard work which such a case demands are indeed worth while when such a thoughtful friend as you takes occasion to make such commendatory remarks.

With expressions of my best regards, I am

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

*Comm. Division*

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

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May 5/36

Dear Mr. Hoover:

"Congratulations" to you personally, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

A splendid job well done.

In fact some one said; "If you want a good job and well done, do it yourself."

That certainly was true in the capture of <sup>Alvin</sup>Karpis. I glory in your determination to succeed against the terrible odds.

Sincerely & fraternally,

Jos. W. Leverton. (S)

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That certainly was true  
in the capture of Karpis.  
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to succeed against the  
terrible odds.

Sincerely + fraternally  
Jos. W. Pennington

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Mr. Joseph W. Leverton,  
1712 - 16th Street, Northwest,  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Leverton:

Thank you very much indeed for your kind letter of May 5, 1936, with respect to the apprehension of Alvin Karpis by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I deeply appreciate your commendatory statements relative to the work of this Bureau. It is a source of such gratification to know that public spirited citizens such as yourself take an interest in what we are trying to do to curb organized crime throughout the country. It was very good of you to write to me.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Baughman .....
- Chief Clerk .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
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Dr. C. B. Schildecker,  
320 Richland Avenue,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Doctor Schildecker:

I have just received the telegram which you so thoughtfully sent me, attending your congratulations upon the capture of Alvin Karpis. I want you to know how deeply grateful I am to you for your kind expressions. It is a real sustaining factor to me to know that I have the approbation and support of public-spirited citizens such as you.

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

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Baughman
- Chief Clerk
- Mr. Clegg
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JUST HEARD FLASH YOU CAUGHT <sup>alvin</sup>KARPIS IN NEWORLEANS

CONGRATULATIONS

MR & MRS PETTIJOHN AND VIRGINIA.

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- Chief Clerk
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- Mr. Edwards
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Mr. Charles G. Pettijohn,  
Motion Picture Producers and  
Distributors of America, Inc.,  
25 West 44th Street,  
New York City.

Dear Charles:

I have received the telegram from  
Mrs. Pettijohn, Virginia and you, extending  
your congratulations upon the capture of  
Alvin Karpis. I want you to know how deeply  
grateful I am to all of you for your thought-  
fulness. To receive such a fine telegram  
from one's friends really makes it seem as if  
all the hard work performed in this case is  
more than compensated for, and it is a real  
sustaining factor to me to know that I have  
your approbation.

With expressions of my very best  
regards to each of you, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- Mr. Nathan
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- Mr. Baughman
- Chief Clerk
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
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THE HONORABLE J EDGAR HOOVER  
 DIRECTOR F B I

OUR HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO OUR GREAT  
 AMERICAN HERO ON THE SUPERB VICTORY OVER CRIME WHICH WILL GO  
 DOWN IN HISTORY AS YOUR BRAVE AND MASTERFUL ACHIEVEMENT AS  
 WILL THE MANY OTHER VICTORIES YOU HAVE SCORED FOR US ALL

A J DREXEL BIDDLE  
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Lieutenant Colonel G. J. Drexel Biddle,  
112 Drexel Building,  
Fifth and Chestnut Streets,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Colonel:

I have received your fine telegram of congratulations relative to the capture of Alvin Karpis, and want you to know how deeply grateful I am for your kind expressions.

It makes one feel as if the many hours of hard work are more than compensated for when such a kind friend as you takes occasion to express himself in such a heart-warming manner. Your approbation means a great deal to me.

With expressions of my very best regards to you and your family, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Baughman
- Chief Clerk
- Mr. Clegg
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FED BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE CONTINULD SUCCESS OF YOU AND YOUR

DEPARTMENT IN MAKING .MERICA A SAFER PLACE TO LIVE IN

J PAUL BROWN.

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Mr. J. Paul Brown,  
Councilman  
Delaware County Police Schools,  
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Brown:

I have received the telegram which you so thoughtfully sent me, extending your congratulations upon the capture of Alvin Karpis. I want you to know how deeply appreciative I am of your kind expressions. To receive such fine words of commendation from such a public-spirited citizen as you really makes me feel as if the many hours of hard work which have been performed in this case are more than compensated for.

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

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Sheriff's Office, Crowley County  
Henry G. Adam, Sheriff

Ordway, Colorado.

May 8th, 1936.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Mr. John Edgar Hoover: Director

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of May 6th, 1936 in regard to  
making and examination of the Check that has been turned over to  
me which I think is a forgery.

I will explain the forged check as I think it was worked out  
by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

We refered to the City Directory and found nobody listed by  
that name.

Then I went to the police headquarters and also to the sheriffs  
office with the same result.

[REDACTED]

Hopeing the inclosed specimens will be sufficient to determin  
wether this is all on the up and up.

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In closing I wish to congratulate you and your men on the  
wonderful work your department has done in apprehending the three  
notorious criminals you have captured the last few days. MAY 12 1936

Sincerely yours,

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Henry G. Adam

Sheriff of Crowley County.

*Alvin Karpis - Commemorative*

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GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS  
1935-1938

May 11, 1936.

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Your letter brought me decided disappointment, although I had hardly any reason to suppose that you would be able to speak at New Haven, Connecticut; although I am sure you would have had as large an audience as you have had in any part of the country.

First, please allow a mere citizen in the very lowly position to congratulate you on the very clever management of the apprehension of Karpis. Although I note in the press that you still consider "Enemy Number One" not yet captured. I much enjoyed your statement regarding politics and justice.

The suggestions which you have made are excellent but they are, of course, related to much that we have already tried to do through those agencies that work with and for the betterment of youth. I would add one other matter that is very important, especially in this state and that is the care of the feeble-minded who walk our city streets and live their lives among us as well as those over-brilliant people who have not had their energies directed in the proper channels.

You are very good to offer us a speaker from your department, but may I say with all confidence in you and your judgement, that I never have yet engaged a speaker without having heard or met him, and I am willing to come to Washington for the sake of meeting the speaker or such members of your department that you think might speak, or go to any place where I may hear someone. Pardon me for being so frank, but upon

*Re: Karpis - commendation*

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one occasion, we were rather unfortunate in the selection that was made. The speech was excellent, but the personality of the speaker was not agreeable to the audience. This may seem to you a rather trivial criticism and if I could tell you exactly the impression, made, I feel sure you would agree with what I have said.

Your speech is magnificent and I am sure to read it again tonight for if you are willing I shall make use of one or two paragraphs giving, of course, to you the credit.

With regret that I must trouble you to write another letter but feeling the great importance of this matter for my New England Conference, which will have as its subject, Youth Today - Citizens Tomorrow. You will quickly understand my feeling.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Emily Louise Plumley.

49 West 89 Street  
New Jersey  
May 11, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Before anything else, I want to assure you that this letter requires no reply. You have just about enough on your busy hands without being obliged to correspond with an old woman who is taking a new lease of life because of activities such as yours. When I wrote congratulating you in relation to the Karpis capture, you were personally on the spot rounding up the remainder of the gangsters and you certainly bagged the game you were seeking. However, you do not need me to tell you that your success and the landing of the Graf Zeppelin Von Hindenburg are the outstanding thrills of the moment. This is not my sole reason for the second letter; the actuating circumstance being as follows:

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As you are well aware, Great-Britain has her Scotland Yard and, judging from several items of fact and fiction, it functions most ably. So far, so good. My idea is that although your department is designated very definitely and properly, but when I think of the efficacious results you have attained, I believe we should have an established, permanent, national organization that will go down in history just as Scotland Yard has done in the British Isles. Nor do I desire to be a copy cat, but as this country is the dumping ground for the worst type of criminals from all quarters of the globe, it requires supermen, super-activities and should be supported to the last ditch. What I am driving at so clumsily, is born of a remark I read and which was attributed to you: It was concerning the interference and kindrance of politics in attaining best results. I am only one citizen, and I know, all too well, that politics can put the brakes on the most emergent situations, but it is my fervent desire to do my bit towards spreading the propoganda and making it an issue just as soon as possible. I have been granted honorary membership in this and that society, club et cetera, but what do any of them do towards strengthening a great organization such as yours? I nearly lost my standing a short time ago when some of the women of a symposium were praising the British methods of crime investigation and capture. That was before your magnificent bag of the Karpis bunch. I replied to the dame that while I had no adverse criticism to make in the case of Scotland Yard, that we must remember that one of our large states could put England in its vest pocket, while here the breadth of the United States alone was approximately four thousand miles. This, I added, must be scoured by our own crime investigators and that if that body had one fractional part of the support accorded Scotland Yard, it would be able to function to such a degree that crimesters would soon learn that their hideouts were not crime-proof by any means. Then, right on the back of this argument, along you come with the season's most sensational capture, and the end is not yet. While the cinema is most outlandish in its presentations, still it is making people - especially youth - crime-prevention minded. G-Men versus G-Men is the outstanding feature of such plays, i.e. Gun-Men versus Government-Men.

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I happen to be one of those orthodox Americans who are strongly averse to aliens flocking to this country and bringing all the criminal tendencies with them. It is obvious that politicians find some sort of usable material in this pernicious gang, so that is one of the reasons I believe I can be instrumental in lending my feeble aid to the cause, especially at a time when conventions are in season. I shall use what little ability I may have in making this crime prevention an issue in my efforts to influence all and sundry who come under my notice. It is too long a story to tell, and you know it by heart anyway, but I am convinced that most intelligent persons who have no axes to grind, will agree that one of the most important phases of American life, happiness and security is bound up in the solid establishment - with adequate appropriation - of your Bureau and that appointments should be effected without the least interference of any political faction.

As I said, I am old and may not be here very long, but if there is one privilege I earnestly desire, it is to live long enough to see this department function without hindrance. You have not only my good will, but my thanks and appreciation in your magnificent efforts. Please do not think I am trying to underrate Scotland Yard, but we have "The makin's" as the boys say, right here in this country, and I refer especially to you and your well-drilled staff.

Very best regards,

Geneva Viola Wolcott

Geneva Viola Wolcott.

May 7, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On April 26th, last we the carriers of the Post-Telegram, made our third trip to the Bureau, this trip being the most enjoyable of all. For we were able to see the Bureau in action which was rather thrilling to us.

I have noted that the Bureau has progressed much more rapidly this year in apprehending the fugitives from justice who were at large. As I read the evening paper to-day I saw that two more of our criminals have been taken. I congratulate you on your keenness in directing the Bureau in such a efficient manner. Without the services of the Bureau I believe that the percentage of crime in this country would be rather high.

Very truly yours,

Howard E. Miller, Jr.

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Arthur J. Barker*



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Mr. Howard E. Miller, Jr.,  
87 Colonial Avenue,  
Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Miller:

I have received your letter of May 7, 1936, and want you to know how grateful I am for your commendatory statements concerning the accomplishments of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and my administration of it. I sincerely hope that our work will continue to meet with your approval.

I am glad to know that you found your last trip through the Bureau the most enjoyable of the three which you have made and hope you have an opportunity to call on us again.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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RACINE, WISCONSIN

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WM. J. SWOBODA  
MAYOR



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

Dear Sir:

Congratulations upon your recent capture of Karpis and Mahan. I know that you feel your reward is the knowledge that you have done a great service to the people of our country.

My best wishes for your continued success and kind personal regards.

Very truly yours,

*Wm. J. Swoboda*  
Mayor

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Honorable William J. Swetosh,  
Mayor,  
Racine, Wisconsin.

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My dear Mayor:

I want to thank you for your letter dated May 9, 1936, containing congratulations for the capture of Alvin Karpis and William Mahan.

It is gratifying to know that this Bureau has your support, and such expressions of approbation compensate for the long hours expended in the arduous work of law enforcement.

With best wishes and kind regards,  
I am

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover



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- Miss Gandy

Blacksburg, S.C.  
May 2, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In my very humble way I wish to congratulate you for the capture of Alvin Karpis without firing a shot. In my opinion this is one of the best piece of work that has been done by your Department.

You are to be congratulated for leading your men in the capture of Karpis. And I feel sure that you are not the type of man that would ever commercialize upon your record with The Department of Justice. Luck to you.

Sincerely yours,

*S. O. Neal*  
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Mr. S. O. Neal,  
Blacksburg, South Carolina.

Dear Mr. Neals

I have just received your letter of congratulations concerning the capture of Alvin Karpis, and want you to know how deeply appreciative I am of the kind sentiments contained therein. When public-spirited citizens such as you take occasion to let us know of their approbation, it really makes us feel as if the long hours of toil which must necessarily be performed in such a case are more than compensated for.

With best regards, I am

Cordially yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Baughman
- Chief Clerk
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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

As of possible interest, there is attached a copy of an editorial entitled "An Inexorable Purge," which appeared in the May 9, 1936, issue of The Washington, D. C., Post.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

*Alvin Karpis - Controversial*

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## An Inexorable Purge

The capture of Alvin Karpis is properly regarded as a notable victory for law enforcement. This Middle Western hoodlum is accused of virtually every offense for which criminals are customarily hunted down in the United States. For two years he spread terror through many States. When such a public enemy is quietly surrounded and captured without a struggle there is good reason to shower congratulations upon J. Edgar Hoover and his Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Fully to appreciate the significance of the work this Federal agency is doing, however, a long perspective is essential. Karpis and Hunter are only two of many criminals that have been lodged behind prison bars or shot down by the G-men during the

last two years. Dillinger, Nelson, the Barker mob and many others engaged in the gruesome business of murder, kidnaping and robbery have paid the penalty of ruthless crime. Some other gangsters of the same ilk remain to be dealt with, but the records of the F. B. I. to date leave almost no doubt that the law will catch up with them.

It is the certainty that these marked men will meet an appropriate doom that is important. One dramatic capture is only an incident. But a systematic and intelligent campaign against interstate rackets, which makes the downfall of every outlaw in this category a virtual certainty, is an effective blow at the heart of organized crime. To interrupt that work by denying the F. B. I. sufficient men and equipment, as one Senator recently proposed to do, would be the greatest service that anyone could render to the mobs of the underworld.

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**- VILLAGE OF OTTAWA HILLS -  
- LUCAS COUNTY -  
- OHIO -**

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Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

May 11, 1936

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Congratulations! The capture of Campbell, regardless of what channels, is commendable to your department.

From your FBI magazine that your department puts out each month, it is plain for me to see your attitude towards politically operated police departments. Toledo in the long run shall profit by your visit. It has done much to bring before the eyes of Toledo the true picture of her police force. I, of course, am not connected in any manner with Toledo, our village being an exclusive residential section just West of Toledo. However, I do have a rather full understanding of its police problems and its personnel. Your bureau already knows the true conditions that have been existing there for years. Your recent activity, I suppose, has been a surprise to some who thought they were beyond the approach of the law.

Carry on.

Very truly yours

*J. P. Collins*  
Chief

*Harry Campbell of Lucas Co. Ohio*

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Mr. M. P. Collins,  
Chief of Police,  
Lucas County,  
Ottawa Mills, Ohio.

My dear Chief:

I want to thank you for your letter of May 11, 1936, in which you extend your congratulations upon the recent apprehension of Harry Campbell.

The public must be made to realize that politics must play no part in law enforcement, and as long as a politically run police department exists in a community, that community will be overrun with lawlessness.

Needless to say, your letter was deeply appreciated.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Baughman
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- Mr. Clegg
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Honorables Herman S. Dike,  
Official Referee,  
The Supreme Court of the  
State of New York,  
New York City

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Dear Judge Dike:

I have just received the telegram which you so thoughtfully sent me relative to the capture of Alvin Karpis. I want you to know how deeply grateful I am to you for your very kind expressions. The many hours of hard work which such a case demands are more than compensated for when one receives such words of approbation from a friend, indicating his interest in the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- Mr. Nathan
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I thought you might be interested in a copy of the attached copy of the editorial entitled "Fingerprints Trap Karpis," which appeared in the May 2, 1936 issue of the Easton Daily Express.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

- Mr. Nathan .....
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#### FINGERPRINTS TRAP KARPIS

Efficiency of the methods of the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, was spectacularly demonstrated last night in the arrest at New Orleans of Alvin Karpis, known over the country as Public Enemy No. 1. J. Edgar Hoover, head of the bureau, led the Federal agents in the roundup of Karpis and two companions, who, Mr. Hoover said, had been shadowed for two months by his agents.

Fingerprints by Karpis were found on a gasoline can and flashlight dropped by the Bremer kidnaping mob. This coup by the Bureau of Investigation adds justification to Mr. Hoover's initiation of a fingerprinting department in his bureau. Criminals will find it increasingly difficult to escape from the long arm of the law, especially when they break Federal statutes, for the fingerprint records kept at Washington are, at the moment, the most complete of their kind in the world.

Federal men, however, are merely at the beginning of their work along this line. They have several million fingerprints on file, but they expect to get millions more. Any citizen can be fingerprinted and have the record placed in the extensive files. These records are not necessarily for the detection of crime. They are invaluable also in cases of disappearances or in accidents, when persons may be rendered unconscious and there may be no means of establishing identification.

Many citizens already have availed themselves of the opportunity to have their fingerprints on file. It is Mr. Hoover's hope that many more will follow suit.

The Bureau of Investigation merits high praise for its work in trapping Karpis and his pals. They are the kind of men that Mr. Hoover refers to as "rats". Criminals face great odds when they pit their skill against the resources and scientific methods employed by the Bureau of Investigation under the direction of Mr. Hoover.

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J EDGAR HOOVER

DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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*Eastman Kodak Co, 1028AM  
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Lieutenant Edward F. Burke,  
The Eastman Kodak Company,  
Rochester, New York.

Dear Lieutenant Burke:

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I have received your telegram extending your congratulations upon the accomplishment of the Bureau in effecting the capture of Alvin Karpis. I want you to know how deeply grateful I am to you for your very kind expressions. The many hours of hard work which such a case demands are more than compensated for when one receives such words of commendation from a friend such as you.

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

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Honorable Clifford Davis,  
Commissioner of Fire and Police,  
Memphis, Tennessee.

Dear Commissioner Davis:

I have received your telegram of congratulations concerning the capture of Alvin Karpis. I want you to know how deeply appreciative I am of your kind expressions, both personally and officially. The many hours of toil which we have spent in this case, as well as in other cases, are more than compensated for when a public-spirited citizen takes occasion to send an inspiring message such as that contained in your telegram.

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

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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

PLEASE ACCEPT MY CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR LATEST BIT  
 OF FINE WORK STOP SINCE MY RETURN HAVE BEEN SINGING THE  
 PRAISES OF YOU AND YOUR MEN TO EVERYONE WHO WOULD LISTEN  
 TO ME STOP MY AFFECTIONATE REGARDS TO YOU  
 AND MR QUINN

<sup>x</sup>  
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Mr. Ricardo Cortes,  
514 Foothill Road,  
Beverly Hills, California.

Dear Mr. Cortes:

I have received your fine telegram of congratulations relative to the capture of Alvin Karpis, and want you to know how deeply grateful I am to you for your kind expressions.

It makes one feel as if the many hours of toil which such a case demands are more than compensated for when a friend takes occasion to express himself as you have done. It means a great deal to me to know that I have your approbation.

I do hope you will have occasion to be in Washington again in the near future and that I might have an opportunity to see you and talk with you at that time.

Mr. Quinn asks me to reciprocate your very kind regards.

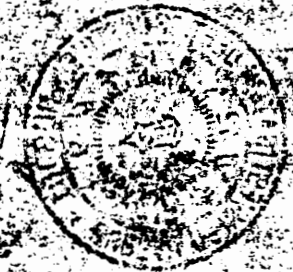
With expressions of my very best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

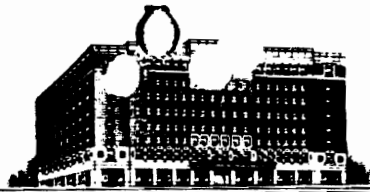
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MANAGING DIRECTOR



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**HOTEL LOUIS JOLIET**

JOLIET, ILLINOIS

1114-11th. Street  
Racine, Wisc.  
May 2, 1936.

Dear Mr. Hoover —

I have been reading about your remarkable work in capturing another "public enemy" and wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you and your entire department.

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FRED J. WALSH, Pres.  
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MANAGING DIRECTOR



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You certainly are  
doing wonderful work  
in eliminating the Nations  
gangsters one by one —

With my very best  
wishes for your continued  
success —

Yours truly —  
Geo. F. Jubrie.

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HOTEL LOUIS JOLIET  
Joliet, Illinois

1114 - 11th Street  
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*Alvin Karpis - Commandant*

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With my very best wishes for your continued success --

Yours truly --

Geo. F. Juhrie. (S)

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Mr. George F. Juhrie,  
1114 - 11th Street,  
Racine, Wisconsin.

Dear Mr. Juhrie:-

Thank you very much indeed for your kind letter of May 2, 1936, expressing your congratulations upon the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the apprehension of Alvin Karpis. It was very kind of you to write to me and I appreciate it very much.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tolson .....
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- Chief Clerk .....
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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I am transmitting herewith an editorial clipped from the Miami (Florida) Herald of May 7, 1936, relative to the recent apprehension of Karpis and Campbell.

Mr. Frank B. Stoneman is editor of the Miami Herald.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*Alvin Karpis - Commendation  
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From the Miami (Florida) Herald of May 7, 1936

*Caught*—This man J. Edgar Hoover and his agents are busy. This time they crack down on Harry Campbell, remaining member of the Karpis-Barker gang. Found in Toledo with his wife. Again no resistance. Taken to Cleveland, flown to St. Paul to join his pal, Karpis. If Hoover continues his captures there won't be any distinguished public rats left. Nor any future for ambitious gangsters. Stock in Crime, Incorporated, has turned bearish. It is one industry America would like to see smashed.

*Supply*—However, there is usually a fresh supply. Bandits robbed the bank at Waterloo, Ala., and kidnaped the president, Buck Sharp, who was later released. Telephone lines cut. Robbers are quite thorough. Efficient in the commission of crime. Not so efficient when faced by the armed law.

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 DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION US DEPT  
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 GRIFFIN CHIEF INSPECTOR

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Mr. William F. Griffin,  
Chief Inspector of Detectives,  
Police Department,  
Memphis, Tennessee.

Dear Inspector Griffin:

I have received the telegram which you so thoughtfully sent me, extending your congratulations upon the capture of Alvin Karpis. I want you to know how deeply grateful I am to you for your very kind expressions. The many hours of toil which such a case demands are more than compensated for when our efforts are commended as you did in your telegram.

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

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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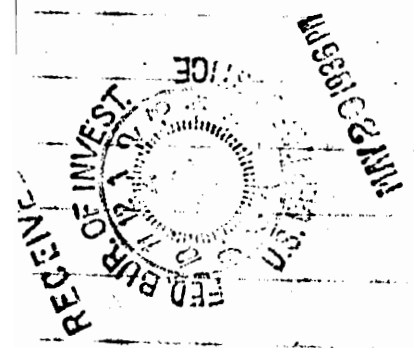
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John C. Lehmann  
Respectfully to Mr  
J. E. Hoover and yours  
L. S. P.

707 N 17th St  
Richmond, Va.



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May 25, 1936.

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Mr. E. L. Harvey,  
707 North Seventeenth Street,  
Richmond, Virginia.

Dear Mr. Harvey:

I have received your letter of May 7, 1936, and want to express my sincere appreciation for your commendatory statements concerning the accomplishments of this Bureau and my administration of it. Such an expression of approval is certainly a source of great encouragement.

I am particularly grateful for your concern over the welfare of the Special Agents of this Bureau.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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May 11, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I thought you might be interested in reading the attached copy of an editorial entitled "Karpis Yellow? Of Course," which appeared in the New York Daily Mirror on May 4, 1936.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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## Karpis Yellow? Of Course

Mr. Hoover, head of "G-Men" says Karpis "went yellow" when guns were trained on him, in fact, we quote Mr. Hoover verbatim: "He (Karpis) was so damned scared he couldn't talk. Karpis shook all over, his voice, his hands, and his knees. He is a dirty, yellow rat."

That need surprise no one. The kind of man that will shoot down defenseless men, when he holds the gun, is naturally "yellow." It takes a broad streak of yellowness to murder an unarmed man.

Karpis, who boasted that he would "never be taken alive" was taken with the greatest of ease, when he saw guns, pointed the wrong way. He almost wept with fear, when he found himself chained to the seat of the airplane that carried him from New Orleans north.

Criminals are naturally cowards except the most brutish of them, that first get themselves "coked up" and then fight, not with their own, but with cocaine courage.

The fact that they are cowards makes them sell each other out. Five thousand dollars bought the life of Dillinger. It is more than probable, whether the Government thinks it wise to say so or not, that another cash bribe brought in Karpis.

It is an excellent suggestion that the Government keep, always standing, bribes of five thousand dollars for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anybody guilty of murder, or any serious crime, for instance, bank or mail robbery.

With such rewards constantly standing, criminals would be gathered in, on an extensive scale and the Government would save money.

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