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*Alvin Karpis - Comm. Ltr  
\*trans. to N.Y. by Capt. George D. Callan*

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J. EDGAR HOOVER DIRECTOR  
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JUST HEARD THE GOOD NEWS OF YOUR CAPTURE OF ALVIN KARPIS OVER THE RADIO  
CAPT GEORGE D. CALLAN POLICE DEPT.

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Captain George D. Callan,  
Police Division, Department of  
Public Safety,  
Newark, New Jersey.

Dear Captain Callan:

It was indeed thoughtful of you  
to send me the telegram which you did rela-  
tive to the capture of Alvin Karpis. The  
many hours of hard work are more than com-  
pensated for when one's friends take the  
time to send such a thoughtful telegram as  
you did. I want you to know how deeply  
appreciative I am of your kindness.

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 .....  
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May 11, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

As of possible interest there are attached copies of the following editorials:

~~"End of the Trail,"~~ May 4, 1936, issue of the Philadelphia Evening Public Ledger.

~~"Karpis Caught,"~~ May 3, 1936, issue ~~Asbury~~ Park, New Jersey, Sunday Press.

There is also attached an article entitled ~~"Old Creepy"~~ which appeared in the May 4, 1936, edition of Time magazine.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Edwards .....  
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#### END OF THE TRAIL

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

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

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

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

NEW JERSEY  
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11 HILL ST. NEWARK

SUNDAY PRESS

Asbury Park NJ

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**KARPIS CAUGHT**

A few weeks ago congressmen were talking about curtailing the appropriations to the department of justice for operating the "G-men" division. Doubtless the capture of ALVIN KARPIS, latest "Public Enemy No. 1," will mark the end of such attempted wasteful economy. For it is only thru the efficiency of the federal authorities in tracking down the "big shot" desperadoes whose exploits are a text book in crime for less accomplished criminals, that the march of crime can be halted.

KARPIS, whose name was originally KARPAVICZ, was himself wanted for two important kidnappings and a miscellaneous assortment of crimes, such as his shooting his way out of Atlantic City last year. Taking him into custody eliminated a first-rate menace.

But even more important than the arrest of KARPIS itself is the lesson it constitutes. Here's another warning that crime does not pay and that unless you go straight the "G-men" will eventually get you. It was not long ago that public enemies were mocking the police as they jumped state lines to elude local authorities. But the department of justice investigators are apparently ubiquitous. With amazing regularity they have been arresting "Public Enemies No. 1" and making room for a new czar of crime, himself to be brought to terms with the passing of a few months. This sort of police work is the best deterrent to crime yet tried. To curtail the activities of the "G-men" would be the most foolish of economies. Such a saving would be tantamount to notifying the arch criminal in whose arrest the federal authorities specialize that the price has been taken off their heads. Economy at such a price would be frivolous. In fact, any move to reduce the cost of government should be directed at the scores of federal agencies that are performing no noticeable work. The "G-men" are earning every dollar placed at their disposal.



# CRIME

## "Old Creepy"

On a late autumn day in 1933 the naked, bullet-riddled body of George "Baby Face" Nelson was dumped in a ditch near Chicago after a gun battle in which two agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation were also killed (TIME, Dec. 12, 1934). Shortly thereafter a surly, incommunicative underworldling known to his few intimates as "Old Creepy" discovered that, by courtesy of the Press, he had in-



Bob Woot

ALVIN KARPIS

In Act in Senate would follow him to Hell.

herited Nelson's title of Public Enemy No. 1. By last week the Bureau of Investigation, which has vainly trailed Public Enemy Alvin Karpis for two years, acknowledged that his nickname was no misnomer by slapping a \$25,000 price on his head. Only the lives of Nelson and the late John Dillinger had been worth such public rewards to the Federal Government.

In the melodramatic year 1933, spindly Alvin Karpis joined forces in St. Paul with Kate ("Ma") Barker and her sons Fred and Arthur. In little more than a year the Karpis-Barker gang became the nation's most formidable criminal outfit, made nearly \$700,000 by robbing banks, kidnapping such folk as St. Paul's Brewer William Hamm and Bunker Edward George Bremer. Then police and G-Men began weeding the gang out. "Ma" and Fred Barker and another mobster died under Federal guns. Six other Barker-Karpis hoodlums and accomplices were put behind bars, seven more were under indictment in St. Paul last week for the Hamm snatching. Only Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, companion of Karpis in the Bremer kidnapping, remained at large.

Alvin Karpis is a product of Chicago's West Side. His mother did time in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma prisons. After fingerprints found on a gasoline tin con-

nected him with the Bremer kidnapping, Federal agents got on his trail, nearly missed him in the Ozarks, in Cleveland. For a time he hid in a \$200-per-month villa in Cuba. In the winter of 1934 he and crippled Harry Campbell shot their way out of a police trap in an Atlantic City hotel, leaving Karpis' pregnant woman and another girl behind. Seven months later he threatened the life of the Bureau of Investigation's Director John Edgar Hoover in a letter mailed from Dayton, Ohio. Last August he spent three days at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., watching the horse races, fled from a nearby farmhouse six hours before Federal agents got there. Then he vanished.

Same day the Karpis-Campbell rewards were announced, Director Hoover received proof that not all Senators regard him and his work as does Tennessee's Kenneth Douglas McReilly, who as chairman of a Senate Appropriations subcommittee recently lopped \$225,000 off the Bureau's 1937 appropriation increase recommended by a House committee, accused Director Hoover of "running wild" (TIME, April 27). Up in the Senate last week rose speaker after speaker to praise the Bureau of Investigation's work, insist that the \$225,000 be put back in the appropriation bill. "I would not revive, by any act or vote of mine," cried Democratic Leader Joseph Taylor Robinson, Ark. Gov., "one hope in the hearts of a gangster by withholding the means that are necessary to pursue him around this earth, to the very gates of Hell."

The Senate restored the \$225,000.

TIME, May 4, 1936

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J EDGAR HOOVER

CHIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WASHDC

WONDERFUL JOB YOU DID ON KARPIS MORE POWER TO YOU BEST  
OF LUCK

J CLYNES HOTEL VANDERBILT

*Alvin Karpis*  
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Mr. J. Clynnes,  
Hotel Vanderbilt,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Clynnes:

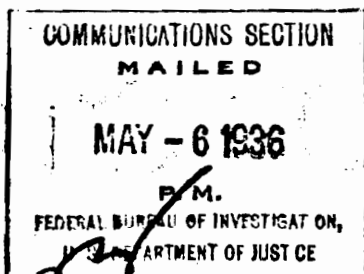
I have received your telegram of congratulations relative to the capture of Alvin Karpis. I want you to know how deeply appreciative I am of your interest in the Federal Bureau of Investigation which prompted you to express your commendation of the manner in which this case was handled.

With expressions of my best regards,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Nathan ☒  
Mr. Tolson ☒  
Mr. Baughman ☒  
Chief Clerk ☐  
Mr. Clegg ☐  
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FLETCHER COLLEGE  
JOHN PAUL, PRESIDENT  
UNIVERSITY PARK, IOWA

May 11, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Many thanks to you for the material sent regarding crime and investigation in the United States. It is all very interesting. Having had a little experience myself along that line, I appreciate greatly what you are doing and want to congratulate you on your latest efforts in collecting the "Number Ones." You are doing a great work and should be appreciated by the whole United States.

Thanking you again and with best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

C. D. Michelson, Sr.

Business Manager.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I thought you might be interested in reading the attached copy of a letter, dated May 11, 1936, which I received from Mr. C. D. Michalson, Senior, Business Manager, Fletcher College, University Park, Iowa.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Inclosure 1143005.

*Commendation: Oliver Harper**ORIGINAL FILED IN 7-115*

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~~BUREAU OF CONTRACT INFORMATION, INC.~~  
Securities Building  
729 Fifteenth St., N. W.  
Washington, D.C.

May 12, 1936

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Federal Bureau of  
Investigation Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Realizing your experience with the "shyster lawyer", I am conveying a story to you which I received in a letter this morning, which is, "that the main difference between a game rooster and a shyster lawyer is that the rooster clucks defiance."

May I express great admiration and appreciation for the splendid work you and your associates are accomplishing in eliminating the element of individuals who have been discrediting the country in performance of serious crimes.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

S.M. WILLIAMS (Sgd.)

S.M. Williams, President

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HOTEL BELLEVUE  
BOSTON

12 25 May 11  
My dear Mr. Hoover -

I am with regret  
I have not written you  
two weeks ago before the  
capture of former Public  
Enemy #1. There are  
many who appreciate your  
work and I want to

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Mr. Tracy  
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sense (I wanted to say guts  
but it sounds like a brood one)  
that you have managed to be so  
far out of a false reasoning that  
all would wonder what had hap-  
pened to us.

You are right - Public Enemy  
#1 in Politics - Congratulations  
and more power to you.

Yours very truly -

Irving S. Alford

P.S. I am only a traveler in this  
section and live in Seattle, Wash.  
#314 Union Str. and of course  
we are all interested in getting  
Madam of the Neighborhood motion!

J.R.



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Hotel Bellevue  
Boston

May 11, 1936

My dear Mr. Hoover -

It is with regret that I have not written you two weeks ago before the capture of former Public Enemy #1. There are many who appreciate your work and I want to congratulate you for myself. I sincerely feel that if more men at the present time had both the fortitude and the common sense (I wanted to say guts but it sounds like a broadcast) that you have we would be so far out of a false recovery that all would wonder what had happened to us.

You are right - Public Enemy #1 is Politics - congratulations and more power to you.

Yours very truly

Irving D. Allord. /s/

P. S.

I am only a traveler in this section and live in Seattle, Wash. #314 Union Street and of course we are still interested in getting Mahan of the Weyerhaeuser snatch!

I. A.

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Baughman	
Chief Clerk	
Mr. Clegg	
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Mr. Irving D. Allord,  
314 Union Street,  
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Mr. Allord:

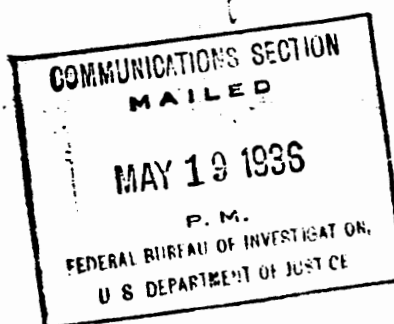
I have received your letter, dated May 11, 1936, and want to express my sincere appreciation for the commendatory statements which you so generously make concerning the accomplishments of this Bureau and my administration of it. It is certainly encouraging to receive such an expression of confidence.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
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Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy ..... *Heid*



DR. CHARLES B. SCHILDECKER,  
PARK BUILDING,  
PITTSBURGH.

May 12, 1936.

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Again allow me to congratulate you  
upon cleaning up the whole works. You, now,  
have no good reason for refusing an invitation  
to Chautauqua Lake this summer and we all expect  
you to be there.

I have received your very nice letters  
regarding two friends whom you entertained on  
lecture tours in your Bureau.

With very best regards, I am

Yours very truly,

(S) C. B. Schildecker

P. S. No R. S. V. P. necessary.

C.B.S.

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STICKNEY SCHOOL  
DISTRICT 110

5011 So. Long Ave. Chicago, Ill.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover:

Dear Sir:

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Congratulating you Mr. Hoover for your late capture of  
criminals I wish to make one statement that the people of the state  
of New Jersey can be congratulated also for having the most honest  
and courageous Governor they ever had.

Very Respectfully,

/s/ Peter Linnert.  
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May 14, 1936

Dear Mr. Hoover

Congratulations on your capture  
of Mahon & Harry Campbell. I must  
have been sitting for years

I am a school boy patrolman  
for our school. I like a lot of fun.  
My shifts are morning, night & like  
this work very much. Someday  
I would like to be a G-man like  
you. I am now aged 15.

If you could, would you please  
send me some criminal pictures  
some maniacs like Dillinger, Baby Face  
Nelson, Alvin Karpis and some others.  
I listen to Gunshots every Wed. nite.  
It is so exciting that some nites I  
wish they would go on further.  
They tell the life of just plain  
killers. If you are ever in Olympia  
come on up and all my love & welcome.  
Please write me and send me some picture  
fingerprints.

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May 15, 1936.

Mr. Billie Burl,  
1517 San Francisco Street,  
Olympia, Washington.

Dear Billie:

I have your letter of May 11, 1936, in which you extend your congratulations upon the capture of several wanted fugitives by this Bureau.

I am glad to learn of your interest in law enforcement and deeply appreciate having your letter.

Pursuant to your request, I am enclosing Identification Orders on John Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, William Mahan, and Thomas E. Robinson, Jr.

I am also enclosing the following literature which I hope you will enjoy reading and which contains some information regarding fingerprints:

The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
How to Take Fingerprints  
Addresses delivered by the Director of  
the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
before the Round Table Forum under  
the auspices of the New York Herald  
Tribune on March 11, 1936 and before  
the Daughters of the American Revolution  
on April 23, 1936

Sincerely,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Baltimore, Maryland

12th. May 1936.

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I acknowledge receipt of your booklet relative  
to the training schools and selection of personnel of the Federal  
Bureau of Investigation. It was of great interest to me.

Allow me to congratulate you on the splendid  
and successful activities of your Department in the past ten days,  
I assure you the reading of the accounts in our daily papers  
afforded me much pleasure.

Again thanking you for your many favors and  
wishing you and your Bureau continued success, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

JAMES C. DOWNS (Sgd.)

Captain James C. Downs.

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CITY OF FORT WORTH

HENRY B. LEWIS  
CHIEF OF POLICE.

FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

May 11th, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The enclosed letter from W. M. Adams,  
Sheriff, Amarillo, Texas, requesting a supply of  
envelopes, was received here this morning. We are  
of the opinion this letter should have been addressed  
to your Washington office, and is therefore, forwarded  
for your attention.

May we also take the liberty of en-  
closing copy of an editorial appearing in today's issue  
of the Fort Worth Star Telegram, which is typical of  
numerous opinions expressed editorially in this vicinity  
concerning the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Very truly yours,

/s/ V. A. Leonard

V. A. Leonard  
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EDWARD P. PFINGST  
WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA

Mr. Nathan  
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Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Schilder  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

My dear Mr Hoover,

It is not often that I feel called upon to take this means of letting an official know how just an ordinary citizen reacts when a job is well done.

The most effective work of you and your associates that has been going on over the last few years is something all of us who respect and want law and order are tremendously impressed with. The wonderful success of you and your department of the last few days is something that should thrill every American with pride.

I am sure I speak for many when I say that it is to be hoped that your department's next task will be to rid our country of the red alien snake in the grass which I know you could do as effectively as you have rid us of the criminal rat.

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Please believe me when I say in conclusion that this note to you is not prompted by any desire of publicity on my part. What I am trying to do is to let you know that I, as a citizen and a father, am grateful and appreciative of your work and results, and I hope that others will stop long enough to tell you the same thing. I believe it does you and your department and encourages future success.

Very truly yours,

Edward G. At.

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May 18, 1936.

Mr. Edward P. Pfingst,  
Watsonville, California.

Dear Mr. Pfingst:

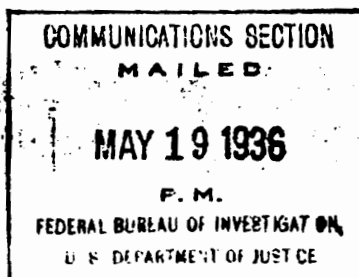
I have received your letter, dated May 9, 1936,  
and want to express my deep appreciation for your  
commendatory statements concerning the accomplishments  
of this Bureau. I sincerely hope that our work will  
continue to merit your approval.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Mr. Tolson .....  
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Canton, Ohio.  
May 12th, 1936.

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

My dear Sir:-

I want to thank you for your letter under date of May 1st.

I very glad you and your agents have placed Karpis, Campbell, Hunter and Mahan back of the bars where they belong. Crime does not pay.

I am enclosing a clipping which reveals Karpis and Hunter sought Canton as a refuge for their safety.

I also sent your agent in charge Cleveland, Ohio Mr. J. P. MacFarland same clipping.

Why did not Chief Manderbaugh make an effort to get them. No doubt when your agents got the necessary information they then had left town. I know you will make someone answer for this. Atlantic City police made an effort to get Karpis and Campbell. Why did not the Canton Police Dept. do the same.

I hope your agents will clean out Canton force. Manderbaugh to resign and ask the Sheriff, Joseph T. Nist what he has to say about Fred Hunter attending cock fights. Probably it was alright to have the cock fights if they served Waldorf Berr. Keep the pressure on these two law enforcement officers.

Should them that your department will not stand for anything but what is not 100% law enforcement.

I am glad you include racketeer politicians.

With best regards, I am

Yours very truly,

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May 20, 1936.

**[REDACTED]**  
Canton, Ohio.

Dear **[REDACTED]**

I have received your letter, dated May 18, 1936, inclosing a clipping entitled "10 Federal Agents Fly to St. Paul with Karpis," which appeared in the May 2, 1936 issue of the Canton Repository. It was very thoughtful of you to bring this clipping to my attention and to send another copy of it to Mr. J. P. MacFarland, Special Agent in Charge of the Cleveland Office of this Bureau.

I have noted your comments concerning the crime situation in Canton, Ohio.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Cleveland

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The Young Men's Christian Association of Cleveland.

May 12th, 1936.

My dear Mr. Hoover

With all my heart I thank you for your gracious response to my letter of recent date.

I am sending the three hundred copies of the address delivered before the Round Table Forum to Trustees, Board members, employed staff and a selected list of key persons. Since you advise that you are also sending me your second address on "Patriotism and the War Against Crime", it occurred to me that I might send that to the three hundred and more ministers of Greater Cleveland. I would attach to it one of my personal cards. The Forum Address is accompanied by a personal letter, a copy of which I am enclosing.

I am more and more impressed with the indispensable value of your Bureau. Congratulations to you and your co-workers in rounding up the final member of the kidnaping bunch!

Incidentally, I feel very strongly that we should arrange an impressive occasion under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association sometime in the early fall with you as the speaker. I believe we could bring together the kind of folks whose opinion and influence would help to make a difference in the situation which confronts us here in Cleveland and throughout Northern Ohio. Hence, if you should be hearing from me again renewing the invitation we extended you earlier in the year, then please do not be surprised.

Best wishes to you always.

Sincerely yours,

A. G. Knebel /s/

A. G. Knebel,  
General Secretary.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL  
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND YOUR DEPARTMENT FOR THE  
GOOD WORK IN TAKING KARPIS THIS DEPARTMENT IS READY TO ASSIST  
YOU IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE AT ANYTIME

MET L GALLAGHER CHIEF OF POLICE. 418P.

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*ack*

May 4, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Just a note of hearty congratulations for your latest  
clean-up and your spectacular transfer of the criminal to the scene of  
his crime.

I assume that you had no further trouble with that eye  
of yours - at least I hope that is the case, and also that everything  
else is going satisfactorily.

Very cordially yours,

*Sydney R. Miller*

SRM:GT

*Calvin Hoover  
to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover*

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May 5, 1936.

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Dr. Sydney R. Miller,  
1115 Saint Paul Street,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Doctor Miller:

Thank you so much for your nice note of May 4th extending your congratulations upon the capture of Alvin Karpis. Your approbation and commendation mean a great deal to me. It really makes one feel as if the many hours of hard work which such a case demands are more than compensated for when a friend takes occasion to write as you did.

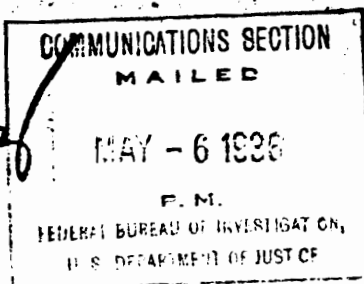
It was thoughtful of you to inquire about my eye. I am glad to say that the trouble seems to be just about cleared up, although I was rather miserable with it for several days.

With very best regards, I am

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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LIONEL JAY FREEMAN  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL  
270 BROADWAY  
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Mr. Tracy	X
Miss Gandy	X

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 25th, enclosing a copy of your address entitled "Patriotism and the War Against Crime", delivered before the Daughters of the American Revolution.

I enjoyed reading this address, as I have all the others which you have so very generously taken the trouble to send to me.

My very heartiest congratulations on the splendid job you did yesterday in capturing Alvin Karpis. The speed and precision attending this notorious criminal's arrest speak eloquently of the smooth functioning of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Looking forward to the time when I will next be in Washington and have the pleasure of meeting you, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Lionel Jay Freeman*

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HHH:EAM May 8, 1936

Mr. Lionel Jay Freeman,  
Associate Counsel,  
Society for the Prevention  
of Crime, Incorporated,  
270 Broadway,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Freeman:

I have your letter dated May 2,  
1936, in which you acknowledge the receipt of my  
recent address before The Daughters of the American  
Revolution.

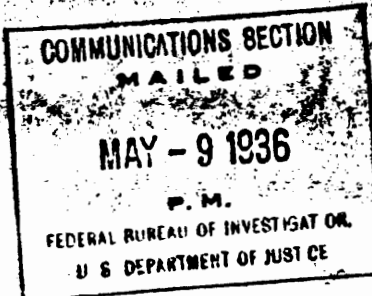
It is indeed gratifying to know  
that you enjoyed reading this address and, needless  
to say, your expression of confidence in this Bureau  
is deeply appreciated.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE, AND PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY  
OFFICE OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE

Chicago, Ill.,  
May 11, 1936.

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

Dear Edgar:-

I have your note of May 6th, which has reference to my friend Dr. Householder and his son, who visited your Bureau recently.

I appreciate very much the courtesy extended to the Doctor and his boy. I am sure you do not know it, but this boy is much impressed with the activities of your Bureau and reads every word regarding it in the newspapers.

Want to congratulate you and your Bureau on the fine work you are doing in cleaning up the kidnaping gang. This fellow Bartholmey whom you have in the Ham case, was formerly employed by the Milwaukee P.R., as a Clerk and was an Officer in the Clerks' Union.

If you do not have this information, Bartholmey was also affiliated in the Communist Party in Chicago and was the originator of a Communist paper known as "The Chisler", which is still being printed in Chicago under the name of "Railroad Unity News". The first issue of this paper was paid for by a Milwaukee Railroad pay check, which was the salary for time earned by Bartholmey. The name of the Communist Printing Company is stamped on the back of the pay check. I have this pay check in my possession.

If the information means anything to you, I will be glad to let you have the benefit of same.

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My kindest personal regards.

JUN 12 1936

Sincerely yours,  
L. J. TOLSON (S)

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J EDGAR HOOVER

DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION DEPT  
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HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR INGENIOUS CAPTURE OF KARPIS  
NEWSPAPER MEN ESPECIALLY SHOULD BE GRATIFIED AT THE COUP  
KINDEST REGARDS

EDWARD J MOWERY EDITOR LANCASTER EAGLE GAZETTE.

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Dear Mr. Mowery:

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

J. Edgar Hoover

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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 "Public Enemies do Not Deserve Mercy" which appeared in the May 4, 1936, issue of the Oklahoma City (Oklahoma) Times, relative to parole abuses.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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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 disconcerting 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.

**The Sun**  
NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE  
EDITOR

May 12, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your letter of May 8. If you have  
no objection, we should like to print it. There is public  
interest in your statement that no "shoot to kill" orders  
have issued from your bureau or the Department of Justice.

Congratulations on the capture of T. H. Robinson.  
That must have been a difficult trail.

Very truly yours,

*Frank M. O'Brien*

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Mr. Frank M. O'Brien,  
Editor,  
The Sun,  
New York City.

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Dear Mr. O'Brien:

This will acknowledge your letter dated May 12, 1936, requesting permission to print a statement in my letter of May 8, 1936, to the effect that no "shoot to kill" orders have ever been issued by any official of this Bureau or of the Department of Justice.

I am pleased that you intend to print this statement and hereby grant you permission to do so.

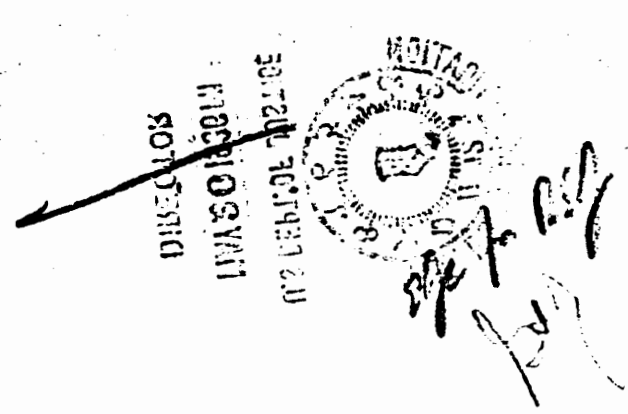
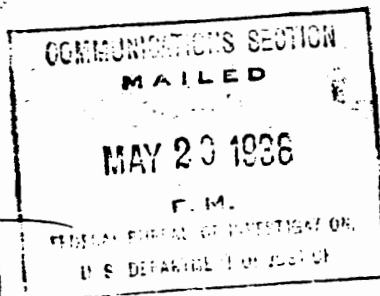
Thank you for your commendatory words on the recent capture of Thomas H. Robinson, Jr.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

CC NEW YORK CITY.

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May 8, 1936.

Mr. Frank M. O'Brien,  
Editor,  
New York Sun,  
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

I have read with a great deal of interest the editorial entitled "Without Shooting" which appeared in the May 4, 1936, issue of the New York Sun.

I want you to know how deeply I appreciate the commendatory statements which you made concerning the recent capture of Alvin Karpis by this Bureau. I am pleased that you called the attention of your reading public to the fact that it is this Bureau's policy to apprehend criminals sought for violation of Federal laws without bloodshed whenever circumstances will allow. Most certainly no "shoot to kill" orders have ever been issued by me or any other official connected with this Bureau or the Department itself.

I sincerely trust that the future activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation will merit your approval.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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**Without Shooting.**

As if to answer the charge made in a recent magazine article that the Department of Justice's pursuit of gangsters in the recent past has been marked by too much of a spirit of "shoot to kill," Department of Justice agents took ALVIN KARPIS into custody at New Orleans with a minimum of fuss and no shooting whatsoever. This may indicate to critics of the G men that these agents are ready to adapt their methods to the situation and that they are not necessarily committed to a policy of "shoot to kill" in the case of men who are wanted for serious crimes and are known to be desperate characters. In the case of KARPIS, the undramatic capture can be ascribed to the fact that this particular Public Enemy No. 1 was caught off guard. If the Department of Justice agents had not been prepared to get their man at the cost of all the violence that might be required they would not have been as well situated to carry out the quiet arrest that actually took place. The case adds to the good reputation of this agency of law and order.

Frank M. O'Brien  
Editor

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

Dear Sir:

As of interest to the Bureau, there is enclosed an editorial taken from the Tri-City Star, Davenport, Iowa, as of April the 4th, 1936, entitled, "G-Men Score Again".

The Editor of the Tri-City Star is Robert L. Getty, Davenport, Iowa.

Very truly yours,

R. A. ALT,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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## G-MEN SCORE AGAIN

**C**HALK up another victory for J. Edgar Hoover and his band of G-men, with the capture of Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, at New Orleans. Not a shot was fired, so complete was the surprise that the killer, caught off guard, raised his hands in the air and surrendered without a struggle. So ends the crime career of the man wanted for murder and the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Born in Chicago, this son of doting parents, started on his crime career ten years ago. His first prison sentence was to the state industrial reformatory at Hutchinson Kan., for ten years for burglary. He escaped on March 9, 1929. On March 25, 1930, after a little more than a year at liberty, he was returned to the reformatory after having been arrested two days before by Kansas City, Mo., police on safe-blowing and auto theft charges.

On May 19, 1930, Karpis was transferred to the Kansas state penitentiary at Lansing to serve out the balance of his ten-year burglary sentence. He was released on May 31, 1931, and 11 days later was picked up by Tulsa, Okla., police on another burglary charge for which he was wanted by the police of Okmulgee, Okla. He was given a four-year sentence for that crime on September 11, 1931, and immediately placed on parole by the court.

It was immediately after this parole that Karpis started on his really big crime career. Associating himself with Frank Nash, Francis Keating, Thomas Holden, Vernon Miller, "Doc" Fred and Kate Barker and others, he took part in numerous bank robberies in the middle west. This was the beginning of the Karpis-Barker outlaw band that terrorized Kansas, Missouri and adjacent states for three or four years.

The first murder charge placed against Karpis was for the slaying of Sheriff C. R. Kelley at West Plains, Mo., in December, 1931.

After the G-men got on his trail, Karpis and others of the Karpis-Barker gang blazed a trail over the eastern half of the United States. One after another of the band were killed or taken into custody until only he and one or two lieutenants were left at large.

Last year, after Fred and "Ma" Barker had been shot to death in a Florida hide-out, Karpis was trailed to Atlantic City, where he shot his way out of a trap the federal agents had laid for him. The G-men had been hot on his trail ever since, but it was only when the New Orleans tip was picked up that they were able to capture him.

Once again the long arm of the law, through the agency of a highly efficient federal force of G-men, has reached out and brought to a close the crime career of a public enemy. In reading the record of his ten years of crime, however, one cannot help but notice that a friendly parole board turned this man loose on the public. His career up to that time certainly did not warrant a parole. Burglaries, escape from prison, auto theft and safe blowing charges certainly should not entitle a man to immediate parole.

Such procedure, however, is being duplicated throughout the country today and makes crime prevention and detention work exceedingly difficult. When criminals are turned loose on the public as fast as they are put into prisons we cannot blame law enforcement agencies for becoming discouraged in their work. The blame rests with the parole boards, politicians and shyster lawyers.

The public can thank Hoover and his force of G-men for bringing another criminal to justice. They can also rest assured the net of evidence the federal men have collected against Karpis will keep him from bothering the public again.

Tri-City Star,  
Davenport, Iowa,  
April 4, 1936.

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Mr. B. L. Gatty,  
Editor,  
Tri-City Star,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Gatty:

My attention has just been called to the editorial entitled "U-Sen Severe Again," which appeared in the May 4, 1936 issue of the Tri-City Star.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the commendatory statements which you make concerning the accomplishments of this Bureau. I hope that our work will continue to merit your confidence.

I was particularly interested in the manner in which you set out the criminal record of Karpis, showing the instances in which he received clemency.

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.

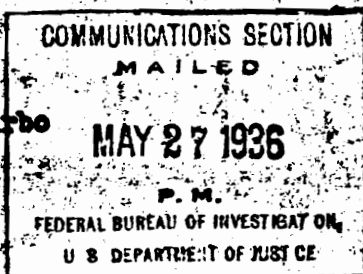
With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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cc-Omaha

Mr. Harbo



*Handwritten:* Mr. Gatty  
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U. S. Department of Justice

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith another editorial received at this Office from Miss Mary Gray, a stenographer in the Chicago Office, which editorial is entitled "The Government Gets Its Man" and appeared in the Joliet Herald for May 7th, 1936.

I have previously submitted a number of similar editorials, all of which have been commendatory of the work of this Bureau and which have appeared within the past month.

In my earlier letters I suggested the advisability of directing a letter to the Editor of this publication, which I presume the Bureau has now done.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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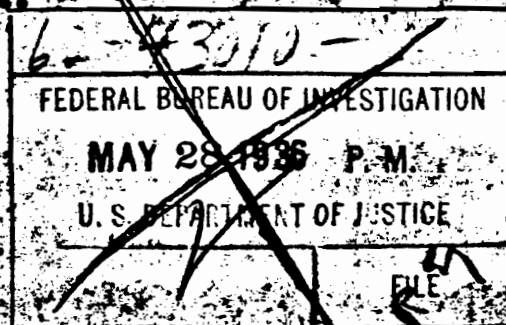
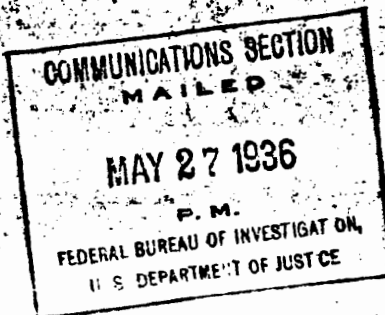
I thought you might be interested in reading the attached copy of an editorial entitled "The Government Gets Its Man," which appeared in the May 7, 1936 issue of the Joliet, Illinois, Herald.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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**"THE GOVERNMENT GETS ITS MAN."**

The country will breathe just a little bit easier, it will feel just a little bit safer, with Alvin Karpis in the hands of federal agents. He is one of the last of a mob of gangsters which was openly defying law and organized government when the federal bureau of investigation, under J. Edgar Hoover, accepted the challenge.

Today those gangsters can be laughed at. Many of them are dead, slain by federal agents and other law enforcement officials who joined in a relentless drive to round them up. Many of them are serving long sentences in penitentiaries. Some were slain by their own kind when the going became difficult, and some died by their own hand.

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May 7, 1936

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May 26, 1936.

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Mr. John F. Lux,  
Editor,  
Joliet Herald,  
Joliet, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Lux:

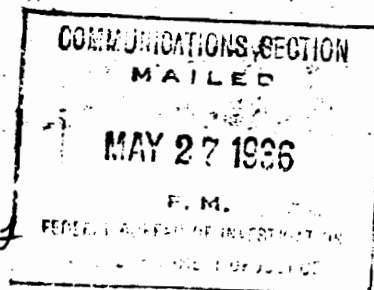
My attention has just been called to the editorial entitled "The Government Gets Its Man," which appeared in the May 7, 1936 issue of the Joliet Herald.

I am sincerely appreciative of the commendatory statements which you make concerning this bureau's accomplishments in the apprehension of some of the major criminals, and hope that our work will continue to merit your confidence.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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P. O. Box 395  
Muskogee, Okla.  
May 11, 1936.

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

My dear Sir:

Congratulations on your recent captures of the  
Public-enemies.

In addition to the published statement "By  
Associated Press" about the so-called lucky American holders  
of winning tickets in the Irish Hospital Sweepstakes, which  
I sent you April 28, 1936, I send you the inclosed reply to  
one of my letters of inquiry, from the New England Telephone  
and Telegraph Company of Boston, Mass. about the two Lynn,  
Mass. telephone operators reported to "share 150 thousand  
dollars".

These foreign "rackets" assisted by Associated  
Press are costing the American people several million dollars  
a year.

Yours very truly.

W. A. Webster.

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Dear Mr. Harpiss:

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It gave me a great thrill  
to read of you and the other  
men of the Bureau "knocking  
off" the notorious Karpis last  
evening - and in my own  
old bailiwick - and such  
a nice, neat job that not  
a shot was fired.

Heartiest congratulations.

Sincerely,  
E. J. Hix

(2418 Eagle Ave, Houston)

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Mr. E. B. Sisk,  
2418 Eagle Avenue,  
Houston, Texas.

Dear Mr. Sisk:

I want you to know how sincerely appreciative I am of your fine letter of May 2nd in which you extend your congratulations upon the capture of Alvin Karpis. It means a great deal to me to know that I have the approbation of the public-spirited citizens of our country such as you.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 6, 1936.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Mr. Bob Denton telephoned yesterday and wanted to offer to the Director his congratulations on the recent capture of Alvin Karpis and wanted to know if there was any recent news that would be of interest to him, which, of course, had reference to his previous telephonic calls for the Director to permit movie reels to be made.

I thanked Mr. Denton for his congratulations and advised him that they would be conveyed to Mr. Hoover immediately, but pointed out to him that on account of the many things to be done in connection with the capture of Karpis, which was being handled personally by the Director, I regretted it was impossible to comply with his request.

Respectfully,

T. D. QUINN.

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

May 12, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Permit me to begin this letter by congratulating you and your associates on the remarkable and unique record made by your department in the past several weeks. We in Louisville are, of course, appreciative of the work of your bureau because of the greatly awaited headlines in our papers today announcing the end of the Robinson hunt. I wish that our Forum were opening this week as I don't imagine there would be an auditorium in the city large enough to hold the crowd who would want to see and hear you.

Along the line of the Forum, you of course understand that these schedules are made out some months in advance and that was why I wrote you as soon as I did. However, if we could have some assurance that by giving you for instance, a choice of three successive Sunday nights that you would be able to be with us on one of those occasions, and could let us know in time to publicize it say three or four weeks in advance, I would be more than glad to leave the matter of our opening date hanging fire. In other words, we could open any one of the last three Sunday nights in November that you could be here, as we do not have to have our series on successive weeks.

I know you are terribly busy, but I am wondering if it would be possible for me to have some expression from you along the above lines by Monday, at which time I am holding a meeting of my Board of Directors to begin plans for next year. If not, I should of course be delighted to hear from you as soon as you are able to give me some idea along these lines.

Thanking you, and assuring you of our keen desire to have you with us, I am

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Very truly yours,

(S) Clarence F. Judah

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WALTER A. GUHMAN  
488 Beach 43 St.  
Edgemere, N.Y.

May 9, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I want to extend to you my sincere good wishes and congratulations along with the millions of other people of this country for the courageous and useful work you are doing. You certainly have done a fine job of ridding the country of such criminals in such a short time.

I have written to you previously asking you to give me an interview but it must have slipped your mind. I hope, however, that the next time you have occasion to come to New York on a visit you will grant me an interview with you.

I have some business to talk over with you which I am quite sure would be found interesting. Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Walter A. Guhman

Mr. Walter A. Guhman.

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Respectfully,

**John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.**

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#### ANOTHER TRIUMPH

The federal bureau of investigations, headed by J. Edgar Hoover, has scored another signal triumph, and one in which the entire nation rejoices, in the capture of Alvin Karpis, at New Orleans.

Karpis, the latest holder of the title of "Public Enemy No. 1," is under indictment for two kidnappings and other major crimes, and recently rewards for his capture had been raised to the total of \$7,000. He is the last of the original Karpis-Barker gang, seven members of which are dead and the rest captured.

So efficient was the work of the G-men in this instance that Karpis and his companions were completely surrounded before any of them had opportunity to draw a gun. It is gratifying that the capture was thus effected without loss of life or the firing of a single shot. Mr. Hoover personally led his squad of officers on this occasion and to him and his associates the country owes a debt of gratitude for this remarkably well executed stroke.

The event heightens the admiration and esteem with which the people of the United States have come to regard this bureau and the officers operating through it, whose notable accomplishments of the last few years in rounding up the notorious gangster leaders and criminals of the country are too well known to require review.

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*Mr. G*  
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*the Chicago Tribune*

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

Dear Sir:

I thought that you would like to see the  
clipping I am sending you. I hope you will enjoy  
looking it over. Thanking you I am yours truly,

Jimmie Parrish.

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Mr. James J. Parrish,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Room 5519,  
Washington, D. C.

Jimmie:

Dear Mr. Parrish:

I have received your letter dated May 13,  
1936, with which you enclosed a copy of Mr. Ken Murray's  
column concerning the recent apprehension of Alvin  
Karpis, Harry Campbell, and William Mahan.

I want to thank you for your interest and  
thoughtfulness in calling this article to my attention.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Director.

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United States Attorney  
Western District of Louisiana

Shreveport, Louisiana  
May 11, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I do not know whether you maintain a clipping service or not, but I thought you might be interest in the enclosed excellent editorial from the Shreveport Journal, of May 8, 1936, which shows that the efforts of your Department are appreciated in this Section.

The Shreveport times also carried a day or two ago a very effective cartoon, showing the big letter "G" as an effective "mousetrap" but I am sure that you saw that cartoon in other papers. I want to add my personal congratulations to you and to Magee and his men for your highly successful efforts in New Orleans in the apprehension of Karpis and also in the apprehension by Magee of a very troublesome criminal by the name of Thomas B. O'Reilly.

I note that you followed this up with some more excellent work at Cleveland and also at San Francisco. It seems to me that this ought to be a very effective and very timely answer to Senator McKellar. I frankly was very much surprised at the Senator's remarks, because I had previously held a rather good opinion of him. I am wondering what really prompted his remarks and actions.

Very sincerely yours,

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J. Fair Hardin  
J. Fair Hardin  
Assistant United States Attorney.

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Mr. J. Fair Hardin,  
Assistant United States Attorney,  
Western District of Louisiana,  
Shreveport, Louisiana.

Dear Mr. Hardin:

I have received your letter of May 11, 1935,  
inclosing a copy of the editorial entitled "A Field  
Day for G-Men," which appeared in the May 8, 1935 issue  
of the Shreveport Journal. I have read this editorial  
with the greatest of interest and want to sincerely  
thank you for your thoughtfulness in bringing it to my  
attention. I have observed the cartoon which you  
mentioned in your letter and thought it a particularly  
good one.

Permit me to cordially thank you for your  
personal congratulations upon this Bureau's success in  
the apprehension of Karpis and upon the apprehension  
of Thomas E. G'Heilly by the New Orleans Office.

I am appreciative of your approval of the  
increased appropriation with which to effectively continue  
our work. It was indeed very fortunate that Congress  
now its way clear to grant this much needed additional  
appropriation.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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HOLLIS R. THOMPSON, CITY MANAGER

May 10, 1936



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

My dear Director:

The newspapers indicate that your Bureau has again added to its laurels by the inexorable manner in which major criminals are being rounded up. This is indeed a fine thing for the morale of all progressive law enforcement bodies, and I wish to congratulate you for your leadership.

I also wish to extend my thanks for your telegram which was a feature of the Fingerprint luncheon on April 20th.

You will note by the enclosed tally sheet that our progress has slowed down somewhat, but fingerprinting is still far from a dead issue here. Additional ideas are being developed at this time, and it is quite likely that 60,000 prints will be recorded before we allow the campaign to slacken appreciably. An additional shipment of 15,000 of your fingerprint cards has been received, making a total of 50,000 cards you have sent us.

There is also enclosed a brief summary of the drive which we had to prepare to take care of numerous requests for information.

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

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THE FINGERPRINT CAMPAIGN IN BERKELEY  
Short summary of organization etc.

As early as 1917, attempts were made in California to legislate universal fingerprinting. The failure to pass such legislation is attributed to the active opposition of several groups which stood to lose some of their profits by such legislation. There were other groups who opposed it through sheer inertia and through a mistaken impression that it might deprive them of some constitutional liberties; but the active, persistent opposition comes from those whose pocketbooks would be touched by universal registration. The Communists, of course, oppose anything that would tend to unify society, as they make their greatest gains among disorganized people. Strangely enough, the one group that stands to profit most by universal fingerprinting has consistently opposed it....that is union labor. We find in Berkeley that as individuals, many union men are for it, and express themselves by recording their fingerprints and having their family fingerprinted. It appears that those who make the most furor against it in the unions have no argument other than the "blacklist" which is theoretically possible through fingerprints. Union labor apparently does not realize that the thing for which it has fought hardest in recent years - social security and similar legislation - is absolutely unworkable without fingerprints. The hopeless confusion of social security legislation when there are hundreds of thousands of workers throughout the country with identical names is at once apparent. There is also Communist opposition within the unions. Communism also fights anything that would unify or make labor more contented.

The sum total of the above opposition and indifference has been sufficient to drown out any small voice raised in favor of universal fingerprinting. The recent results of the 18th Amendment are too green in our memories to permit us to forget that unpopular legislation cannot be enforced.

Realizing the need for popular support, educational work was undertaken in Berkeley as early as 1930. Service clubs were sold on fingerprinting and, as the years went by, these clubs were sold again and again on the subject. Gradually some of the Parent Teacher and other groups were converted, and so the campaign of education went slowly forward. During a six-year period, less than 2,000 civilian fingerprints were taken in Berkeley.

It was not until the Fall of 1935 that persons in Berkeley interested in the movement felt there was a reasonable prospect of an intensive voluntary fingerprint campaign succeeding, and it was not until late in January, 1936, that plans were finally worked out.

Dr. George Oulton, a dentist, is the person in Berkeley most responsible for carrying through with this program. As a citizen, Dr. Oulton long ago realized the tremendous advantages to be derived from universal fingerprinting. Most of these advantages had little to do with police work and directly profited the private citizen. Unfortunately, fingerprints are indelibly linked with crime and criminals in the minds of most people and, also unfortunately, police and other law enforcement agencies are usually the only ones who know anything about fingerprint work.

One important phase of the educational program has been to point out the fact that it is NOT THE POLICE who want these fingerprints; it is to the INDIVIDUAL BENEFIT of everyone that this be done. But to become effective, it must be done by everyone. There can be no shirkers; no objectors whose objections are valid.

The police are best fitted in many instances to set up the machinery for taking fingerprints, but IT IS NOT THEIR CAMPAIGN. In fact, there are some police departments actively opposed to civilian fingerprinting because of the work involved in its inception. In such cases, it is the intimate business of every honest citizen to see that this program is carried forward.

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In Berkeley, it was perhaps erroneously felt that the police department should appear in the picture as little as possible. Therefore, the campaign was regularly approved by the City Council, Mayor and City Manager, and conducted on the basis of a city-wide campaign.

To stimulate interest and to lay out organization work for civic groups, an organization meeting was held February 3, 1936 under the auspices of the Mayor. Invitations were mailed to over 400 presidents and secretaries of lodges, service clubs and other organizations. Approximately 300 responded. The following organization was set up to SELL FINGERPRINTING:

1. General Chairman.
2. Committee on printed publicity (other than newspaper). To arrange for printed publicity such as newspaper ads, posters, signboards, stickers, shopping news, etc.
3. Newspaper publicity. News coordination handled by one reporter for all newspapers to avoid duplication and scoops. Reasonably uniform publicity was secured.
4. Radio, theatre and miscellaneous publicity committee. To arrange radio broadcasts, skits and plays, publicity at theatres; newsreels; radio trucks and other miscellaneous publicity.
5. Speakers Committee. To arrange speakers groups to be available on call and develop proper speakers' material. Arrange contacts with all local organizations and get speakers before them.
6. Churches and affiliated groups. To plan suitable church cooperation and publicity.
7. Committee on Schools, P.T.A. and Dad's Clubs. To plan and arrange distribution of desirable publicity and to arrange for printing within the schools.
8. Committee on Statistics and Progress. To plan and arrange a suitable system of daily progress reports during the drive, including thermometers in public locations, etc.
9. University of California Committee - a separate program for this institution.

Inasmuch as all of the people serving on the above committees were busy people, the secretary of the police department acted as coordinator for their activities and aided them as much as possible.

The actual taking of the fingerprints was done under the direction of the police department, under the following plan:

1. One officer responsible for the procurement of supplies and handling of clerical assistance.
2. One officer assigned to distribution of supplies, personnel and equipment. Under this officer were several other men, such as
  - A. Supply man.
  - B. Personnel man.
  - C. Evening man, etc.
 as the needs arose. Stations at times exceeded 50.

Personnel to take fingerprints was secured from the following sources:

1. Police
2. Firemen
3. Boy and Girl Scouts
4. American Legion
5. Other volunteers and miscellaneous sources. Lack of foresight concerning the amount of work involved caused us to overlook the value of a WPA project for fingerprinting.
6. Some merchants were interested enough to supply their own personnel for the work.



3. The police secretary acted as coordinator for both police and civilian groups; making engagements for printing etc., and in general acting as the executive secretary of the entire movement.

When the drive got into full swing, there were both indoor and outdoor stations, plus field units of Boy Scouts and Legionnaires canvassing homes, plus mobile units to go on call to homes, factories or other locations to take prints of groups of people. Fingerprint stations were set up in firehouses, schools, theaters, banks, library, city hall, department stores, clubs, drug stores, restaurants, etc. Many stations, in fact the most productive, were set up outdoors. Our fingerprint equipment consisted of 75 complete kits and more could have been used to advantage on occasions.

Two cards were taken, one for the Department of Justice, and one for our own files.

In the high school, the recreation teachers were instructed in fingerprinting. They in turn instructed their leader pupils who in turn fingerprinted over 2200 of this group. In the junior high schools the physical education teachers and counselors did the job. In the elementary schools, the cards were left at the schools, required data was filled in and when 100 or more were ready, a fingerprint squad was sent to the schools. Excellent cooperation was given by the school department. Over 9000 youngsters were printed with a minimum of effort.

As publicity aids, in addition to a steady stream of newspaper publicity, advertisers were induced to place slogans for fingerprinting in their ads; stickers: "We are 100% fingerprinted" were placed in over 200 store windows after they had been printed. A similar sticker: "We have been fingerprinted" was distributed for use in homes or on windshields. A black hand with the legend: "Universal fingerprinting-- means money in your pocket" was hung on hundreds of cash registers, with a notation where to find the nearest fingerprint station. Signs, "5% off on purchases of \$1.00 or over upon presentation of Berkeley fingerprint identification card" appeared in hundreds of stores. Booklets "Why Fingerprinting?" setting forth reasons in favor of the movement were distributed in the amount of 20,000 copies. Five major newsreel companies took pictures of the campaign and distributed them nationally. 50,000 small personal identification cards were purchased for free distribution to those who had prints taken. Talks were given in theatres, before all types of gatherings, over the radio etc. etc.

The result? At the time this is written, the campaign has not been under way three months. There are approximately 36,000 civilian prints on file and the increase is about 4500 per week. At 50,000 prints, or well over half of our population, we intend to drop the campaign, but we are not sure the public will let us quit at that point.

The cost for the entire campaign to the City of Berkeley will be somewhat above \$1500.

Our experience has been: DON'T GO TOO FAST! As long as people are in doubt, they will oppose. There have been some very fine people in this area who kept on opposing fingerprint because they honestly doubted any good could come from it. Naturally, just as soon as they were sold on the subject, they became ardent boosters, but they did not become sold overnight. They could not become stampeded. Many of our factory groups were suspicious of the program at first. The workmen thought it was a scheme of the bosses, and the bosses were not too sure what the police had in mind. Eventually, employers and employees cooperated heartily, but it took time.

The program is extremely desirable, but it should be undertaken only with the full knowledge that it is a big job and one that should be carefully and thoughtfully approached.

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UNIVERSAL REGISTRATION  
A Daily report of progress. Issued daily except Sunday. No. 81  
May 11th, 1936, Monday

FINGERPRINT STATIONS NOW IN OPERATION

	5-7-36	5-8-36	5-9-36	
<b>FIRE HOUSES</b>				
#1 - 7th & Channing. . . . .	161	161	161	
#2 - Durant & Shattuck . . . . .	968	971	973	
#3 - Regent & Parker . . . . .	268	270	270	
#4 - Shattuck & Vine . . . . .	651	655	656	
#5 - Emerson & Tremont . . . . .	73	73	73	
#6 - 9th & Addison. . . . .	111	111	113	
#7 - Russell & Claremont . . . . .	292	292	294	
#8 - Virginia E. of Euclid . . . . .	268	268	270	
#9 - Arch E. of Spruce . . . . .	220 3012	222 3023	222	3032
SCHOOLS. . . . .	9134	9134	9134	9134
THEATERS . . . . .	500	500	500	500
<b>BANKS</b>				
Bank of America. . . . .	957	964	971	
American Trust Co. . . . .	740	740	758	
Banks previously report. . . . .	706 2403	706 2410	706	2435
<b>MISCELLANEOUS STATIONS</b>				
Police Dept. . . . .	1610	1616	1633	
Library. . . . .	2171	2171	2183	
Hinks . . . . .	1203	1226	1259	
American Legion Flying Sq. . . . .	311	311	311	
Montgomery Pharmacy. . . . .	89	103	103	
2025 Shattuck. . . . .	339	352	387	
Solano & Colusa. . . . .	381	384	395	
San Pablo & University . . . . .	529	537	545	
Boy Scout Flying Squads. . . . .	46	46	46	
Gilman & Nielson . . . . .	161	167	187	
Telegraph & Haste. . . . .	144	150	150	
Shattuck & Bancroft. . . . .	69	78	90	
Southern Pacific Station . . . . .	83	98	120	
J.C.Penney Co. . . . .	36	54	80	
Grove & University . . . . .	6	6	24	
Solano & Tacoma. . . . .	9	15	27	
University & Oxford. . . . .	7	16	26	
Sunday Stations. . . . .	264	264	264	
College & Alcatraz . . . . .	0	33	60	
Sutter & Hopkins . . . . .	0	3	7	
College & Ashby. . . . .	0	0	44	
Discontinued Stations. . . . .	6374	6374	6385	
Flying Squads. . . . .	7160/20992	7172/21176	7172	21,498
Prints since January 29th, 1936	36,041	36,243	36,599	
Prints prior to January 29, 1936	2,050	2,050	2,050	
TOTAL CIVILIAN PRINTS. . . . .	38,091	38,293	38,649	



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May 19, 1936.

Mr. J. A. Greshing,  
Chief of Police,  
Berkeley, California.

My dear Chief:

I have received your letter, dated May 10, 1936,  
with which you inclosed a copy of the summary of your  
Berkeley fingerprint campaign.

I want to express my sincerest appreciation for  
your commendatory statements concerning this Bureau's  
accomplishments. I hope that our work will continue to  
meet with your approval.

I have read the summary of the fingerprint campaign  
with the greatest of interest and am certainly pleased to  
learn of the fine success which this campaign has enjoyed.  
I have heard of this success through various sources and have  
followed the endeavor with a good deal of personal interest.

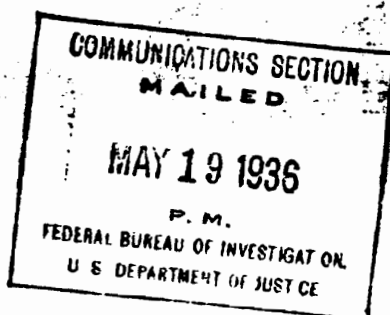
With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Mr. Tolson .....
Mr. Baughman .....
Chief Clerk .....
Mr. Clegg .....
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THE POLICE SCHOOL  
OF  
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA  
SWARTHMORE, PENNSYLVANIA

May 12, 1936.

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:-

The Executive Committee of the Police School of Eastern Pennsylvania has asked me to convey to you its very great appreciation of the help which your department has given to our school, and quite specifically the lectures which Mr. Hince of your staff recently presented to our student body. May I add without any exaggeration that Mr. Hince's presentation was very interesting and pedagogically sound, and all of the men felt that it was one of the finest privileges which they have had in this course.

The Executive Committee also wishes me to extend to you its heartiest congratulations, because we were all greatly enthused by the fine and continued successes shown in the recent captures of those offenders whom we were sure you would round up. More power to you!

With cordial regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

/s/ J. A. Detlefsen

Director.

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Did you see N.Y. Herald-Tribune article (April 19th) on "Colleges for Cops"... D

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KAY RIDGE POST NO. 157  
American Legion

345 78th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

May 10th, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find our Post bulletin for  
May containing a portion of the material sent by you for our  
little publication. It is worthy of note that the "Dugout"  
was received by the members the same day that the story of the  
capture of Karpis and Campbell broke in the public press.  
Congratulations to yourself and the men under you. I am in the  
same business as yourself in the capacity of a Court Attendant in  
the Criminal Courts here and fully realize the obstacles you must  
surmount, thanking you once more for the material I am,

Yours very truly,

/s/ James C.A. Hennessy,

Editor.

P.S. May I have my name placed on your mailing list for any  
material that may become available in the future.

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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION

First District Office  
Knowville, Tennessee

May 13, 1936.

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

My dear Sir:

Permit me to congratulate you on your recent work in rounding all of the Kidnappers up. Also to thank you for your adress before the D.A.R. I am enclosing part of my talk to the Graduating class of White Pine High School. Of course I went on a little bit more in talking to the Graduates about their duty. But this was my main talk in regard to law enforcement. If we could clean up the rackets we could clean up crime but we must clean out some of the officials.

Yours Bob

Robt P. Williams  
Box 1764 Knowville, Tenn.

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May 30, 1936.

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Honorable Robert P. Williams,  
Post Office Box 1766,  
Memphis, Tennessee.

Dear Judge Williams:

I have received your letter of May 13, 1936,  
inclosing a copy of the talk which you gave before the  
graduating class of White Pine High School. I have read  
your address with the greatest of interest and want to  
express my sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness  
in making this copy available for the Bureau's files.

I have also enjoyed your comments upon the crime  
situation.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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May 11, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

First of all permit me to congratulate you upon your very effective method of pursuing, capturing, and convicting well-known criminals. Your recent successes together with disclosures of corrupt political connections in certain cities have made a profound impression upon the public. It is my hope that you will be able to pursue lawbreakers in office or out of office as relentlessly as heretofore. The public will back you up. Let the public have the facts and it will back you up to the limit.

In early fall I shall have another lecture on crime in this country and for that purpose I would like to receive from your bureau whatever material you may have on that subject. Two years ago I gave a very effective lecture on the same subject, in very large part based upon the material that you had sent me.

It is not my desire to burden you, but if you will accept an autographed copy of the 1936 edition of EVERYDAY ECONOMICS by Janzen-Stephenson, I should be very glad to send it to you as a token of my respect for you and your work. This is now probably the most widely used high school economics text in the United States.

With best regards to your personal success and safety.

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Sincerely yours,

C. C. Janzen

Head Dept. of Economics

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San Francisco, Calif. May 2 - 1936  
HONORABLE SIR, & WORTHY OFFICERS!

Congratulations & Praise to the able  
Sgt. on the "landing" of former Public  
Enemy No. 1 HARRY. - Now let's Go for sinis-  
ter Politics & high Finance racket & "Un-  
loads", which could not flourish without  
the former & legal corruption! More Power,  
best wishes & Luck to all. Sincerely, C. P. Willner,  
Apr. 5, 1936

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San Francisco, Calif.,  
May 2nd., 1936.

Honorable Sir, & Worthy Officers!

Congratulations & Praise to the able Dept. on  
the "Landing" of former Public Enemy No. 1 Karpis. - Now  
let's Go for sinister Politics & High Finance rackets &  
"Unloads", which could not flourish without the former &  
legal corruption! More Power, best wishes & Luck to All.

Sincere,

C. P. Millner. (S)

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Mr. Charles F. Willner,  
1405 Gough Street,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Willner:

I have your postal card dated May 2, 1936,  
in which you extend your congratulations to this Bureau  
upon its success in apprehending Alvin Karpis.

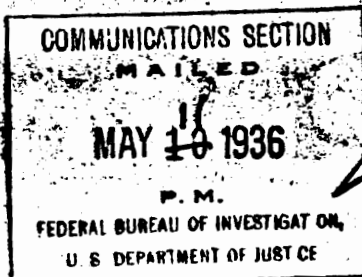
I want you to know that I deeply appreciate  
your thought in communicating with me.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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OKLAHOMA STATE BUREAU OF  
CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION  
STATE CAPITOL BUILDING  
OKLAHOMA CITY

May 2nd, '36

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Congratulations!

When you picked up Mr. Karpis, Public Enemy  
No. One, commonly so called, you relieved the state of Oklahoma  
of an anus and too much praise cannot be given you for a good  
job well done.

We are also proud of the fact that Mr. Dwight  
Brantley, your Oklahoma No. One man and Mr. Clarence Hurt, another  
Oklahoma product were in on the catch.

Again I say to you Mr. Hoover, congratulations!

Yours very truly,

*Chas. W. Daley*  
Chas. W. Daley

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Superintendent

Cy: Mr. Dwight Brantley,  
Federal Building,  
Oklahoma City.

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May 8, 1936.

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Colonel Charles W. Daley,  
Superintendent,  
State Bureau of Criminal  
Identification and Investigation,  
State Capitol Building,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Colonel Daley:

I wish to thank you for your letter of May 2,  
1936, in which you extend your congratulations on the  
apprehension of Alvin Karpis.

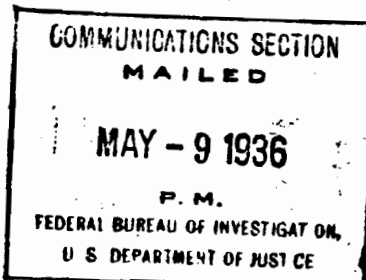
It is indeed gratifying to know that this Bu-  
reau enjoys your continued confidence and support.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Mr. Tolson	_____
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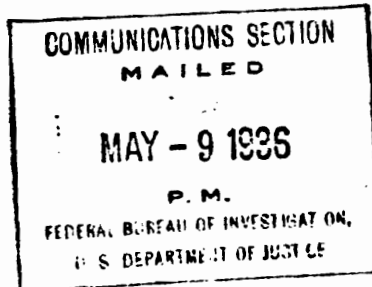
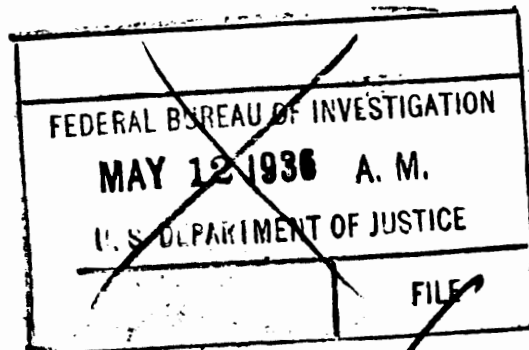
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I thought you would be interested in reading the attached copy of a letter dated April 30, 1936, received from Colonel Charles W. Daley, Superintendent of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #1144644.



Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
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Telephone Your Telegrams to Postal Telegraph

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Mr. George Clarke,  
The New York Daily Mirror,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Clarke:

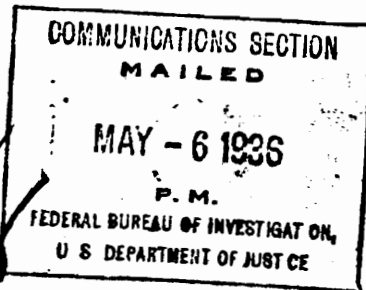
I have received the kind telegram which you sent to me at St. Paul extending your congratulations upon the capture of Alvin Karpis. I want you to know how deeply appreciative I am of your thoughtfulness in wiring me as you did. It really makes one feel as if the many hours of hard work which such a case demands are more than compensated for.

With best regards, I am

Cordially yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Nathan ✓  
Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Baughman ✓  
Chief Clerk ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
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231 No. Holliday Street  
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May 14, 1936.

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

If you will please notify me what time the train will arrive in Baltimore, Monday May 18, 1936 and at what station Mr. Schilder expects to come to I will arrange to meet him. If he can arrange it I would be pleased to have him meet me in time for a dinner together at some downtown hotel.

Again thanking you for your many courtesies and if I may congratulate you on your previous splended captures, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

Edgar ~~W~~ Clark.

3006 Glenmore ave.,  
Baltimore, Md.

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

Mr. Hoover:

Congratulations on your latest conquests,  
more power to you. I think your Bureau has been doing  
one swell job and the members of the Junior Board of the  
Chamber of Commerce all feel the same way.

What are some of the things a citizen can do,  
Mr. Hoover, in helping along this fine work you are doing?

The enclosed clipping is from our local paper  
of May 9th, cannot something be done about this type of  
parole. It looks to me that this parole board is a menace  
to any community or country. What is your opinion?

Do not forget me on any other literature you  
may have and again I want to say, "more power to you".

Sincerely,

Harry L. Bean  
515 McKinley St.,  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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May 25, 1936.

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Mr. Harry L. Bean,  
515 McKinley Street,  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Bean:

Your letter, in which you extend your congratulations upon the apprehension of several outstanding fugitives, was received by me on May 14, 1936.

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

In regard to your inquiry as to the ways in which a citizen can help in law enforcement, it is my belief that if every citizen, when called upon to serve on a jury, would so serve, and, when called upon to testify in criminal cases would fearlessly take the stand, such support would definitely aid law enforcement. I believe that our citizens should follow criminal cases and bring to bear whatever pressure they can in order to see that long delays in trials are eliminated and that when the criminal is given a penitentiary sentence he actually serves this sentence. In this connection, I found the newspaper article which you enclosed concerning the parole of Jack Hines, sentenced in 1932 to serve thirty years and released four years later, particularly significant. I believe our citizens should actually sponsor all youth movements of a character-building nature since, as you know, at the present time more crimes are being committed by young men and women between the ages of 19 to 21 than at any other age.

As of possible interest to you, I am enclosing a copy of the publication entitled "The Selection and Training of Personnel" recently released by this Bureau.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DEPT OF  
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THE SUNDAY MAGAZINE SECTION OF THE NEWYORK DAILY  
MIRROR WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR

AUTHORITATIVE COMMENT ON THE VOLUNTARY FINGER-PRINTING OF  
CITIZENS WHICH WE ARE URGING IN A FORTHCOMING ISSUE  
OF THE MAGAZINE STOP WILL YOU KINDLY WIRE US STATEMENT

COLLECT CONGRATS ON <sup>Alvin</sup>KARPIS CAPTURE AND BEST WISHES

KENNETH MCCAULEY EDITOR SUNDAY MIRROR MAGAZINE 235

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May 5, 1936

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

KENNETH MCCALLS, EDITOR  
SUNDAY MIRROR MAGAZINE  
ROOM 603, 235 EAST 45th STREET  
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7-576-2-123

BY TELEGRAM FIFTH INSTANT I AM GRATIFIED TO OBSERVE THE PROGRESS WHICH HAS BEEN MADE DURING RECENT YEARS IN CIVILIAN PHASES OF FINGERPRINTING. RAPID STRIDES ARE INDICATED BY THE WIDESPREAD INTEREST AMONG CITIZENS IN HAVING THEIR FINGERPRINTS PLACED ON FILE IN THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES. THIS MOVEMENT DISCLOSES A REAL APPRECIATION OF THE BENEFITS DERIVED FROM SUCH RECORDS WHICH ARE A POTENTIAL SOURCE FOR ESTABLISHING THE IDENTITY OF VICTIMS OF DISASTERS. THE VOLUNTARY FINGERPRINTING OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION HAS MY WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT AND COOPERATION. I AM DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR COMMENDATORY REMARKS CONCERNING KARPIS' APPREHENSION

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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May 15, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sirs:

In the May 9, 1936, issue of the Philadelphia Inquirer there appeared a cartoon entitled "Guess the Old Boy Has A Right to Feel A Bit Cocky!" portraying "Uncle Sam" with a weapon representing "The 'G' Man" standing guard over "The Kidnap Racket" in prison.

It is desired that you make a discreet effort to obtain the original of this cartoon for inclusion in the collection which is maintained in my reception room. Please advise the full name and address of the cartoonist.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

**1300 Liberty Trust Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.**

**May 18, 1936.**

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

**Dear Sir:**

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 15, 1936 regarding cartoon which appeared in May 9, 1936 issue of the Philadelphia Inquirer entitled "Guess the Old Boy Has A Right to Feel A BIT DOCKY".

Please be advised that the original of the cartoon was secured today and forwarded the Bureau.

The name and address of the cartoonist are as follows:

**Hugh Hutton,  
c/o Philadelphia Inquirer,  
Broad & Callowhill Sts.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.**

**Very truly yours,**

*R.E. Vetterli*  
**R.E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.**

**REV:AG.**

Mr. Nathan ✓  
Mr. Tolson ✓  
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May 22, 1936.

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Mr. Hugh Hutton,  
c/o Philadelphia Inquirer,  
Broad and Callowhill Streets,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Hutton:

I have just received from Mr. E. E. Vetterli, Special Agent in Charge of the Philadelphia Office of this Bureau, the original of your cartoon entitled "Guess The Old Boy Has A Right To Feel A Bit Cocky," which was published in the May 9, 1936, issue of the Philadelphia Inquirer.

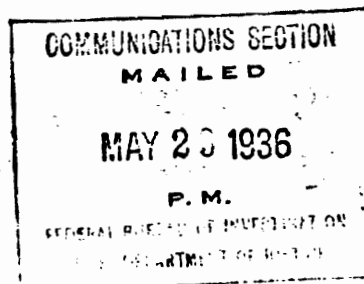
It was most courteous of you to make the original of your drawing available to me and I am having it framed for inclusion in the collection of outstanding cartoons dealing with the activities of this Bureau which is maintained in my reception room. I want to cordially thank you for your thoughtfulness in autographing the drawing.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

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- Initials "C. J. ..."  
- Initials "E. B. ..."  
- Initials "C. ..."  
- Initials "C. ..."



COPY

MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

1412 Missouri Pacific Building  
St. Louis

May 3, 1936.

PERSONAL

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Dept. of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your letter of the 10th was very much appreciated.

The Missouri Pacific Lines Magazine is carrying an article together with excerpts from letters received commenting on my Broadcast urging fingerprinting of transients, proof of which is attached, and I am writing to ask your permission to use the extract from your letter as it appears. If you object to this extract being used please so wire me.

Certainly compliment you on your New Orleans capture of Alvin Karpis, and with very best wishes for your continued success, I am,

Yours Truly,

/s/ R. S. Mitchell

R. S. Mitchell,  
Chief Special Agent.

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Mr. R. S. Mitchell,  
Chief Special Agent,  
Missouri Pacific Railroad Company,  
1412 Missouri Pacific Building,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

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Confirming my telegram of May 6, this will acknowledge your letter of May 3, with which you enclosed the proof of a page from the Missouri Pacific Lines Magazine, containing an excerpt from my letter to you concerning the fingerprinting of transients.

It is indeed a pleasure for me to extend you permission to quote me on this subject.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your congratulations on the capture of Alvin Karpis, and for your good wishes for the success of this Bureau.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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May 19, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

As of possible interest to you, there is attached a copy of a letter dated May 12, 1936, from Mr. S. M. Williams, President, Bureau of Contract Information, Inc., Securities Building, 729 Fifteenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., expressing admiration for the work the Bureau is accomplishing.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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BUREAU OF CONTRACT INFORMATION, INC.

Securities Building

729 Fifteenth St., N.W.

Washington, D. C.

May 12, 1936

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Federal Bureau of  
Investigation Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Realizing your experience with the "shyster lawyer",  
I am conveying a story to you which I received in a  
letter this morning, which is, "that the main differ-  
ence between a game rooster and a shyster lawyer is  
that the rooster clucks defiance."

May I express great admiration and appreciation for  
the splendid work you and your associates are accomplish-  
ing in eliminating the element of individuals who have  
been discrediting the country in performance of serious  
crimes.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)  
S. M. WILLIAMS, President

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LAW OFFICES  
WILLIAM STANLEY  
TOWER BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 9, 1936

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

Dear Hoover:

I am afraid that in your letter of May 4 you are giving me more credit than I am entitled to. I took the call from your office to the Attorney General at Pinehurst, and after talking with him he asked me to call you at New Orleans so that he could congratulate you.

Nevertheless, I appreciate very much your letter and congratulate you upon the wonderful success which you have had recently with the kidnapers.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*William Stanley*

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**DAVENPORT, IOWA**

**June 1, 1936**

**J. Edgar Hoover**  
**Director Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington D. C.**

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I was very much pleased to receive your letter with your favorable comment on my article, "G-Men Score Again." Newspaper editors receive more than their share of mail, but for some reason, letters of commendation are generally few and far between. Perhaps it is because the general public thinks that everyone can run a newspaper.

Rest assured that I shall continue to call the attention of the public to the great work the Federal Bureau of Investigation is carrying on, and in doing so, I intend to inform the public of the necessity of taking up a lot of the slack in our parole system. I feel that if we can keep this subject before the people it will not be long before we can get some action. What little I can do will not be much, but I certainly am not going to miss the opportunity of doing what I can to help out along this line.

I shall be very glad to be placed upon your mailing list of Uniform Crime Reporters, and shall endeavor to make use of it.

With best wishes for the continued success of your department, I am,

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Sincerely yours,

**Tri City Star**

**R. L. Getty**  
**EDITOR**

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May 8, 1936.

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

I thought you might be interested in reading the attached copy of an editorial entitled "Without Shooting" which appeared in the May 8, 1936, issue of the New York Sun, commenting upon the recent apprehension of Alvin Karpis.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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May 15, 1936.

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

As of possible interest there are attached the following editorials:

"More Pareto Plots," from the Indianapolis Star, Indianapolis, Indiana, May 4, 1936 issue;

"End of the Road," from the Dallas Morning News, Dallas, Texas, May 4, 1936 issue;

"The War On Crime," from the Akron Beacon Journal, Akron, Ohio, May 9, 1936 issue;

"Always On The Job," from the Adrian Michigan Telegram, Adrian, Michigan, April 25, 1936 issue;

"Economy," from the Kalamazoo Gazette, Kalamazoo, Michigan, April 25, 1936 issue;

"Gangsters On The Way Out," from the Joliet Herald News, Joliet, Illinois, May 6, 1936 issue.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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DALLAS MORNING NEWS  
Dallas, Texas.

5/4/36

*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.