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MERCER LAKELANDS ASSOCIATION

...A Civic Organization...

MERCER, WISCONSIN

APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>. 1934

TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WE RESPECTFULLY PETITION FOR THE SUSPENSION OF MELVIN HENRY PURVIS AS HEAD OF THE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THIS AREA PENDING INVESTIGATION OF IRRESPONSIBLE CONDUCT OF FEDERAL OFFICERS THE NIGHT OF APRIL 22ND., IN RAIDING A JOHN DILLINGER GANG HIDEOUT IN SUCH A STUPID MANNER AS TO BRING DEATH TO TWO MEN, AND INJURIES TO FOUR OTHERS, NONE OF WHOM WERE GANGSTERS.

WE CHARGE

- FIRST- FAILURE TO SEEK AID OF PERSONS FAMILIAR WITH MERCER RESORT AREA WHO COULD HAVE PREVENTED ESCAPE OF DILLINGER GANG OVER ONLY HIGHWAYS LEADING FROM THE HIDEOUT AT LITTLE BOHEMIA MERELY BY BARRICADING THREE NEARBY BRIDGES.
- SECOND- WANTON RECKLESSNESS, AND DISREGARD OF HUMAN LIFE IN FIRING UPON A CAR BEARING THREE UNARMED AND RESPECTED CITIZENS KILLING ONE, AND WOUNDING TWO.
- THIRD- CRIMINAL STUPIDITY OF TWO UNITED STATES AGENTS ACTING EVIDENTLY EITHER WITH INSUFFICIENT INSTRUCTIONS, OR DISREGARD OF ORDERS FOR CAUTION IN APPROACHING A SUSPICIOUS CAR PARKED AT THE ALVIN KOERNER LODGE WITH NO ATTEMPT AT CONCEALMENT, AND WITH WEAPONS HELD SO THEY COULD NOT BE DRAWN FOR DEFENSE AS A RESULT OF WHICH A LONE BANDIT SLEW ONE AGENT, AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED A CONSTABLE, AND INJURED ANOTHER AGENT.

At a Meeting of the Mercer Lakelands Association held at the Town Hall on April 24th. the above petition was presented by Mr. L. A. Gehr for approval.

It was moved by Mr. D. J. Brandt, Seconded by Mr. Frank Brunner that the Mercer Lakelands Association be placed on record as endorsing the circulation of the above petition as presented by Mr. L. A. Gehr.

Motion UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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*Ronald Welch* 4/25/34  
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*Cecilia Roguski* 4/25/34  
*Miss J. C. Hutchinson* 4/25/34  
*Conrad Bassett* 4/25/34  
*Bob. Short* 4/25/34  
*H. Withington* 4/25-34  
*Chas. Hoffman* 4/25-34  
*Gen. J. Burtcham* 4/25-34  
*Michael S. O'Neill* 4/25/34  
*Jordan Strehlow* 4/25/34  
*James Delmar* 4/25/34  
*C. W. ...* 4/25/34  
*A. Kreuer* 4/25-34  
*Wm. H. Scheel* 4/25/34  
*...* 4/24

*J. C. ...* 4/28  
*Det. T. Kendrick* - 4/25

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<i>Christene Roguski</i>	<i>4/25/34</i>
<i>Vera Brandt</i>	<i>4/25/34</i>
<i>Ruth H. Miller</i>	<i>4/25/34</i>
<i>Elva Mussel</i>	<i>4/25/34</i>
<i>Guy Wring</i>	<i>4/25/34</i>
<i>Mark Swearingen</i>	<i>4/25/34</i>
<i>McBrandt Jr.</i>	<i>4/25/34</i>
<i>V.M. Passchl</i>	<i>4/25/34</i>
<i>Arnold W. Peter</i>	<i>4/25/34</i>
<i>Walter Weiland</i>	<i>4/25/34</i>
<i>Thomas J. Adams</i>	<i>4/25/34</i>
<i>Anna Weiland</i>	<i>4/25/34</i>
<i>Winnie Jones</i>	<i>4/25/34</i>
<i>Henry W. Ross</i>	<i>4/25/34</i>
<i>Nuttie M. Brandt</i>	<i>4/25/34</i>
<i>Carl C. Woege</i>	<i>4/26/34</i>
<i>Charles A. Krache</i>	<i>4-26-34</i>
<i>Geo. Schneider</i>	<i>4-26-34</i>
<i>Lishe L. Morse</i>	<i>4-26-34</i>
<i>Carl C. Peter</i>	<i>4-26-34</i>
<i>Samuel J. Gump</i>	<i>4-26-34</i>
<i>Coris Jordan</i>	<i>4-26-34</i>
<i>H.B. Spencer</i>	<i>4-26-34</i>

MR. NATHAN.....  
MR. TOLSON.....  
MR. CLEGG.....  
MR. COWLEY.....  
MR. EDWARDS.....  
MR. EGAN.....  
MR. QUINN.....  
MR. LESTER.....  
CHIEF CLERK.....  
MR. ROGER.....

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

MR. NATHAN	.....
MR. TOLSON	.....
MR. CLEGG	.....
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CHIEF CLERK	.....
MR. ROBER	.....

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May 14, 1934.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

There is attached, hereto, a copy of a tele-  
gram received by me from Mr. J. C. Smith, Superintendent of  
the Bureau of Identification at Macon, Georgia, together  
with my acknowledgment of same.

Sincerely yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Att.

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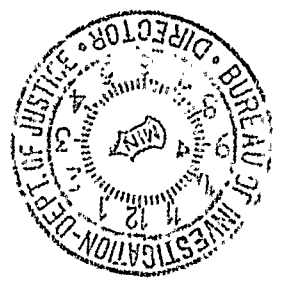
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Chicago, Illinois  
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My dear Mr. Smith:-

I was very pleased to receive your telegram on April 27, and I have intended to write you before this, but due to the pressure of business, I have been unable to do so.

It is particularly gratifying to note your statements in your telegram, and I want you to know that I appreciated your kindness very much.

Please give my regards to the Chief, and all the other folks in Macon, Georgia. If you are ever in Chicago, don't fail to come up to see me.

Again thanking you for your good message,  
I am,

Sincerely,

Mr. J. C. Smith,  
Superintendent,  
Bureau of Identification,  
Police Department,  
Macon, Georgia.

Melvin H. Purvis.

WESTERN UNION

MACON GA APR 27, 1934.

M. H. PURVIS, SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION 105 WEST ADAMS

HUNDRED PERCENT BACK OF YOU HERE GOOD HUNTING AND THE BEST OF  
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J. C. SMITH SUPT BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION

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April 25, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

With regard to the petition being circulated in Wisconsin requesting the suspension of Mr. Purvis, Mr. Clegg telephoned and advised that the postmaster at Mercer is said to be the individual who started such petition. Mr. Rorer interviewed the postmaster, Mr. Gehr, who stated that there was such a petition but that he was not circulating it and had nothing to do with it. The petition was found in a store run by M. E. Brandt in Mercer, Wisconsin. He advised Mr. Rorer that the petition was drawn up by two newspaper men who wrote the petition yesterday. They got a local individual to present it before the regular meeting of the Mercer Lakeland Civic Association, and it was voted to circularize a petition asking for an investigation of the shooting. The newspaper men were believed to be from Milwaukee. One of them is thought to represent the Wisconsin News from Milwaukee, and the other from the Milwaukee Sentinel. An individual by the name of Peters, the local citizen, was going around with them, introducing them, and also introduced the petition at the regular meeting of the Association. Mr. Clegg read the petition to me. This petition, Mr. Rorer states, has been in Brandt's store all day. It has a total of seven names on it. Up to 3:30 this afternoon, these names were the following: Cristene Rotuski; Vera Brandt; Ruth H. Miller; Elva Mussel; Guy Wing; Mark Swarengin; and M. E. Brandt, Jr. Mr. Rorer stated that the first three were certainly women, and probably the fourth one, and the seventh one is the son of the owner of the store. The storekeeper said he was not circulating it and was not urging any one to sign it. He had not signed it himself, although two members of his family had, namely, Vera and M.E. Brandt, Jr. He said that in view of the vote of the Civic Association, it had been left in his store so that any one who wanted to might sign it. Mr. Rorer stated there was not any excitement in the vicinity; that there appeared to be more in the papers than the facts justified; that there was no vigor being expressed at the meeting of the Association so far as could be learned, it being a regular meeting; and that there was no wave of resentment displayed in the meeting. The response is apparently very insignificant due to the fact that only seven had signed the petition. The two newspaper reporters have not been definitely identified. Mr. Rorer has an appointment to interview Peters tonight in an effort to definitely identify the reporters. After that he will proceed to the other four towns where petitions are said to be circulated. Mr. Clegg stated he instructed Mr. Rorer to notice particularly whether the phraseology is identical and to explain to those people circulating such petitions that they were unnecessary and that he was left in that vicinity to make such an investigation, and was doing it. Mr. Rorer thought there was no occasion for alarm, that there was no feeling among the citizens, and that the whole thing was concocted for a newspaper story. I explained that the difficulty is that because of the manner in which this matter is played up in the press, the feeling of the public might be so aroused as to cause serious trouble. I requested Mr. Clegg to have Mr. Rorer obtain the full information so that I might transmit

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it to the Attorney General for use at the ~~Attorney General~~ tomorrow. Mr. Clegg stated he had instructed Mr. Rorer to handle this matter exclusively, turning the other investigation over to other Agents. Mr. Rorer felt he could probably stop the entire matter; that he thought the petitions "would die a natural death." Mr. Rorer thought this action by the newspapers was a malicious attempt to embarrass Mr. Purvis. I advised Mr. Clegg of the memorandum which I today drafted to the Attorney General, setting forth the exact details of this occurrence, and advising that Mr. Clegg was in charge rather than Mr. Purvis. I told Mr. Clegg I desired to supplement this memorandum tomorrow morning with another one, setting forth this angle, and also calling attention to the activities of "Horse Face" Thompson in St. Paul. Mr. Clegg called attention to the fact that Thompson is not covering our office at St. Paul now; that another representative has taken his place, who is more cordial. We agreed that the proper action to take would be not to make a public denial of the various allegations made against us.

I instructed that Mr. Rorer in making his investigation not try to suppress the petition or interfere with it, but to give the citizens the facts and point out how it was handled and how unfair these statements are.

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May 8, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

I telephoned Mr. Nathan at Chicago this afternoon after my conference with Mr. Keenan in my office. I gave Mr. Nathan the following information: Mr. Keenan stated he wanted to tell me two things which he felt I should know, and which would probably make me very angry, but that he desired not to give me the source unless I insisted. He stated the story is to the effect that at Little Bohemia the Agents mutinied against Messrs. Clegg, Rorer and Purvis, told them they didn't know how to handle the situation, and forced them into a shack adjoining the inn, keeping them there until the shooting was over. In regard to the C.C.C. man who was killed, the statement that Agent Baum killed this man is absolutely untrue for the reason that Agent Baum's gun, when found at the place where Mr. Baum was killed, and after an examination of the same, was shown to have been locked, that no shot had been fired from it, and for that reason he did not fire his gun at the Little Bohemia shooting, but that Mr. Rorer was the man who killed the C.C.C. man, it being understood and agreed among Clegg, Purvis and Rorer that "it would be fixed up another way." The situation at Little Bohemia was very bad and the men were all out of control.

Furthermore, at the Lexington Ave. address in St. Paul, when the Agent phoned Mr. Rorer, Mr. Rorer attempted to call Chief Dahill, but being unable to get Mr. Dahill on the phone, instead of calling a Sergeant, Lieutenant, or Captain, he, Mr. Rorer, personally went down to Police headquarters, thereby wasting that time, and by the time he arrived at the Lexington Avenue address with the police, Dillinger and his gang had, of course, escaped.

I told Mr. Nathan that Mr. Keenan stated he was reluctant to tell me this story because it wasn't any of his business and felt I might think he was intruding, but that on the other hand, if my Agents weren't telling me the truth, he thought he should tell me about the situation rather than have the story come from the outside. Mr. Keenan stated he didn't intend to give this information to the Attorney General or Mr. Stanley, but I indicated to him that of course I had no objection to his doing so; that naturally this was quite a shock, but that I could not believe the story to the effect that the three officials of the Division were locked into the shed by the Agents, and that after losing their respect for the officials, I could not see how they had kept the Agents quiet this long. I told Mr. Keenan it is a fact that a phone call was received by Mr. Rorer in the case referred to at St. Paul, that Mr. Rorer did call Mr. Dahill, but being unable to reach him, Mr. Rorer sent two Agents by police headquarters to pick up police reinforcements, but he, Mr. Rorer, rushed to the Lexington Avenue address.

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I asked Mr. Keenan to give me the source of this information in order that I might make a thorough and discreet investigation. Mr. Keenan stated he had been told that if investigation were made some men might lose their jobs "because if they told the truth they would be fired." I of course informed Mr. Keenan that this would not happen. Mr. Keenan finally stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] recently;  
that [redacted] He gave  
this information to Mr. Keenan very confidentially. Mr. Keenan asked [redacted]

[redacted]

Mr. Nathan informed me that he has a dinner engagement with [redacted]

[redacted]

I asked Mr. Nathan to drop everything else at Chicago and give every attention to this matter. I told him to find out the exact condition of Mr. Baum's gun. I asked him to see that all Agents have prepared statements on the Little Bohemia affair.

Mr. Nathan called attention to the fact that Mr. Cullen has been drinking very heavily. Mr. Keenan stated, however, that Mr. Cullen was perfectly sober at the time of his conversation with him.

I requested Mr. Nathan to obtain from the various Agents statements as to the exact facts in connection with (1) the allegation that the Agents mutinied and locked the three officials in a shack; (2) the statement that Agent Baum's gun could not have fired the shot which killed the C.C.C. man; and (3) the statement concerning Mr. Rorer's action in proceeding to the Lexington Avenue address in St. Paul.

I read to Mr. Nathan a report made by a Sergeant of the Michigan State Police to Mr. Glander, and called his attention to the fact that this was entirely different from the version given by Messrs. Glegg, Rorer and Purvis concerning the Little Bohemia shooting. I cited this as evidence of the fact that there doesn't seem to be a very strong degree of accuracy in the descriptions of what transpired at Little Bohemia.

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

MR. NATHAN	✓
MR. TOLSON	✓
MR. CLEGG	✓
MR. COWLEY	✓
MR. EDWARDS	✓
MR. EGAN	✓
MR. QUINN	✓
MR. LESTER	✓
CHIEF CLERK	✓
MR. ROHR	✓

*[Handwritten initials]*

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May 16, 1934.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

There is attached, hereto, picture and writing, entitled "Who's in the News?", which appeared in the Chicago Daily Times on May 16, 1934.

Sincerely yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

MHP/RMW  
Att.

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# "Who's in the News?" ..By O'Bryon



HE IS GREATLY MORTIFIED IN KNOWING THAT JOHN DILLINGER SLIPPED THROUGH HIS FINGERS. CHIEF AGENT IN CHICAGO SINCE 1932, HE HAS MANY CAPTURES TO HIS CREDIT.



## MELVIN H. PURVIS

GOVERNMENT CRIME FIGHTER

A GRADUATE OF THE U. OF S.C., HE JOINED THE U.S. SERVICE IN 1928. NOW ONLY 31, HE IS FRAIL AND SLIGHT OF STATURE. CRACK MARKSMAN, HIS HOBBY IS FIREARMS....

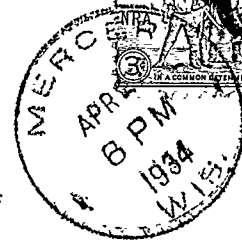
HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ROUNDING UP SUCH BAD ACTORS AS VERNE SANKEY, THE ROGER TOWHY GANG AND MANY OTHER PUBLIC ENEMIES...



MERCER LAKELANDS  
ASSOCIATION  
MERCER, WISCONSIN

# VACATION PARADISE

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





# HUB OF THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY



Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.

U. S. Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice

MR. NATHAN	✓
MR. TOLSON	✓
MR. CLEGG	✓
MR. OWLEY	✓
MR. [unclear] RDS.	✓
MR. EGAN	.....
MR. QUINN	.....
MR. LESTER	.....
CHIEF CLERK	.....
MR. RORER	.....

1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois  
May 23, 1934

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

Dear Sir:-

There is attached hereto copy of a letter received from Sheriff Lester Tiffany of Lake County, Waukegan, Illinois, together with a copy of my reply, both of which are self-explanatory.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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OFFICE OF SHERIFF  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
LAKE COUNTY  
WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS

May 22, 1934

Mr. Melvin H. Purvis,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
U. S. Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Room 1900, Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

Acknowledgment is respectfully made of your letter of May 12, relative to change in telephone number of your office, to Randolph 6226.

We will keep this number on file for ready reference, and assure you that we want to cooperate with your office at all times, and any assistance that you feel we can give, please do not hesitate to call on us.

You are really accomplishing very successful results, it is easy for an individual who knows nothing about your business to criticize, however, any law enforcing executive who has had any business connections with your office, and is fair, can find no criticism, but can only command your activities.

Again assuring you of our hearty cooperation at all times,  
I am,

Sincerely yours,

LESTER TIFFANY,  
Sheriff

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1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois  
May 23, 1934

Mr. Lester T. Tiffany,  
Sheriff, Lake County,  
Waukegan, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Tiffany:-

I have received your letter of May 22, 1934, and I wanted to take this means of thanking you sincerely for your statements with regard to criticism. Your hearty cooperation and friendship in the past have been of great aid to me, and I know that my job would be much easier if I had more friends like you.

While I cannot say that I am entirely unconcerned regarding certain criticisms which have been made, I can say that I have properly labelled them, and that I will continue to lead every possible effort to law enforcement.

Again let me thank you for your kind letter, and to assure you of my hearty cooperation at all times.

Sincerely yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

May 31, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Nathan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Mr. Clegg	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Mr. Edwards	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Chief Clerk	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Tamm	<input type="checkbox"/>

During telephonic conversation with Mr. Clegg at St. Paul today, I mentioned to him several matters which have recently been rather poorly handled by the Chicago Office. Upon my inquiry, Mr. Clegg stated that from his observation made of the Chicago Office over the past week-end, he gained the impression that everything was running very smoothly, and was particularly pleased to find that Mr. Purvis was apparently in good health, as well as in good spirits.

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June 2, 1934

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

I have received your letter dated May 23,  
1934, in which you submit a suggestion with respect to  
possible improvement in the work and efficiency of this  
Division.

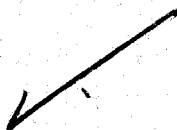
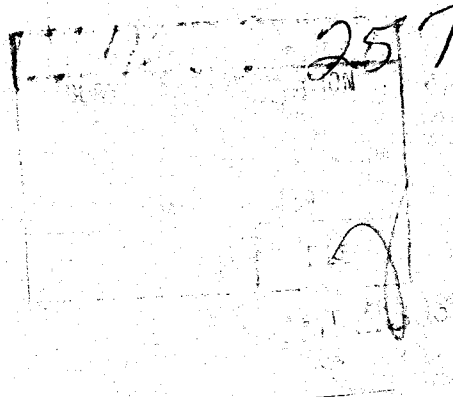
I am extremely grateful to you for this  
suggestion, and I want to assure you that it will receive  
very careful attention at the Washington headquarters of  
the Division.

Sincerely yours,

Director

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June 4, 1934.

Personal Attention

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

I was very much disturbed today when I learned from you that the orders which I had issued this morning to Mr. Hollis of your office to interview Mr. Mayr, Secretary of State of the State of Indiana, had not been complied with, and that in fact you did not have any intention of complying with them. I, of course, understand that the United States Attorney for the Northern Judicial District of Indiana, together with Mr. and Mrs. Walverton, and the postmaster, had been in to see you concerning this matter, but Mr. Mayr had not been in to see you. When Senator Van Nuys communicated with the Department this morning, he requested specifically that Mr. Mayr be interviewed at once, and I promised him that I would have this done. It was then that I called Mr. Hollis, who was acting in your place, and directed that he give this matter immediate attention. I must insist that when I issue orders to you concerning any matter, you immediately comply with them, or at least take up with me the matter so that if there is any good reason in your estimation why they should not be complied with, I will have the benefit of your observations, and can then determine whether my original orders are still to stand. You have absolutely no right to ignore instructions issued by this office. I, of course, appreciate that your action in this was not intended in any way as insubordination, but I am certain that you can also appreciate how embarrassing it makes the situation for me here, after I have promised a Senator to do a certain thing and have assured the Attorney General that it has been done, to learn later in the day that my orders have been disregarded.

Very truly yours,

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Director

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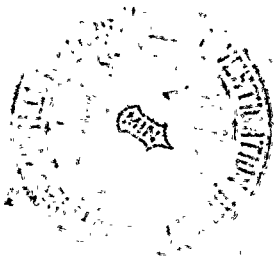
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May 29, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

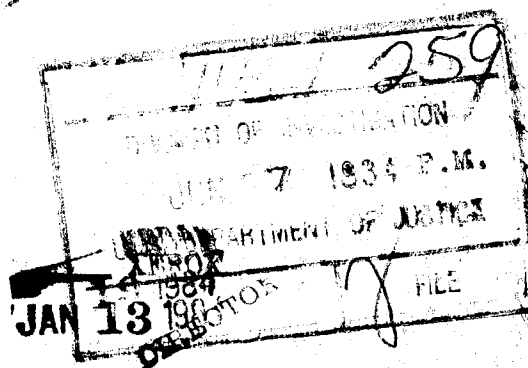
I talked with Mr. Purvis at Chicago at 1:35 P.M. regarding Baby Face Nelson's wife, who is residing at 5516 S. Marshfield Avenue in Chicago. Purvis advised that she is being kept under surveillance and they have had a telephone installed across the way.

In connection with the man that operates the filling station, Purvis advised that he had previously appeared to be willing to cooperate with the Division but when Nelson put in his appearance the last time, the Division was not informed and apparently something went wrong. Purvis stated he had intended to put in a man in the filling station but this also did not work out. The Division will be advised as to developments.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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JEH:HCB

May 29, 1934.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Mr. Purvis:

Confirming my telephonic conversation with you, I want to insist that immediate and diligent steps be taken by you to see that the wife of "Baby Face" Nelson is kept under proper surveillance. I also would like to have a full and detailed report as to the circumstances surrounding the original arrangements in this matter, which resulted in "Baby Face" Nelson visiting his wife without our being notified. I am becoming quite concerned over some of these developments in the Chicago district. We have had too many instances where surveillances have not been properly conducted, and where persons under surveillance have been able to avoid the same. It is imperative that every resource of this Division be utilized to bring about an apprehension, and an early apprehension, of the members of the Dillinger gang, and I cannot continue to tolerate action of investigators that permits leads to remain uncovered, or at least improperly covered. At least in this case proper arrangements were not made to see that this woman was covered, with the consequent result that her husband did visit her, according to the information obtained from your informant, and we were not notified. It is imperative that you impress upon the personnel of your office the necessity of giving these matters more careful attention, and of course, it is imperative that you exercise the proper supervision over the handling of this case.

Please let me have by air mail a full and detailed explanation of why the surveillance of the wife of "Baby Face" Nelson was not properly handled from the beginning.

Very truly yours,

AIR MAIL

Director.

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June 7, 1934.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

I have received your letter dated June 2, 1934, in which you submit suggestions with respect to possible improvement in the work and efficiency of this Division.

I am extremely grateful to you for these suggestions and I want to assure you that they will receive very careful attention at the Washington headquarters of the Division.

Sincerely yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
Director.

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June 16, 1934.

Personal Attention

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

I had occasion this afternoon to try to reach you by telephone, and was advised that you were out of the office, and then after some delay, later in the afternoon when I continued to try to contact with you, I then learned that you had gone to one of the Country Clubs for golf. I have insisted consistently that the Agents in Charge leave word with their offices where they can be reached at all times, so that in an emergency I can reach the Agent in Charge. I have no objection whatever to the Agent in Charge leaving his office, either for recreation or on official business, but there is no reason why the Agent in Charge should not leave word where he can be reached at any time. Will you please endeavor to observe this request in the future.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Cowley	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Cullen	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....

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June 20, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SORENBORGER, APPOINTMENT CLASS

It is requested that letters be prepared transferring the following employees of the Division of Investigation, as indicated, payable from the appropriation for "Salaries and Expenses, Division of Investigation", FIELD, effective with entry on duty:

NAME	FROM	TO
Mr. M. H. Purvis	Special Agent, Caf 12, \$5400 per annum	Special Agent, Caf 13, \$5800 per annum, vice on additional position
Mr. F. L. Jay	Special Agent, Caf 12, \$5200 per annum	Special Agent, Caf 13, \$5600 per annum, vice on additional position

Very truly yours,

Director.

Approved:

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The Assistant to the Attorney General.

CC: Mr. Sorenborger  
General Agent  
Fiscal Control  
Miss Waddle

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box #987  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

May 2, 1934.

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

~~PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I believe you will be interested in knowing some of the sidelights and circumstances occurring in connection with our investigation at New Castle, Pa. into the information supplied by John Kelly, a Chicago negro, that DILLINGER and his associates were in that vicinity.

The obvious falsity of Kelly's information will be apparent from the investigative report which is submitted upon this matter and I will not comment upon it here. I am unable to understand Kelly's motive in this matter and endeavored by both kindness and cruelty to extract from Kelly some admission as to the falsity of his story, which, however, he failed to admit.

I believe that the "fire drill" afforded the office and the Agents in this matter will prove of great value in the handling of future matters of this kind. Every precaution possible was taken and an allowance was made for every contingency that could arise. Upon interviewing the Agents from Chicago and Kelly, it was deemed advisable to purchase additional gas grenades and gas cartridges because in his description of the house it was obvious that a considerable amount of gas would be needed to force anyone therein to vacate because of the apparent free circulation of air currents through the house.

In laying plans for the surrounding and taking of our objective the utmost care was exercised to assure ourselves that no one could escape from the building while at the same time eliminating any possibility of the Agents' shooting each other or exposing themselves to their own cross fire.

"Purvis"

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JAN 13 1934

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Agent McLaughlin advised me that the preparations, plans, equipment, and handling of this matter were the best he had seen since being in the Division service. I believe that the major portion of any credit for the successful undertaking of this project is due to George F. Ruch, who had completed the majority of the necessary arrangements prior to my arrival in Pittsburgh. It is indeed regrettable from our own viewpoint that Mr. Ruch is no longer in the Division service.

The cooperation of the Pennsylvania State Police was superb. Twenty-five uniformed officers, specially chosen from throughout the troop area were awaiting our arrival at the barracks in Butler, Pa. The troopers were completely equipped under full arms carrying both rifles and fire arms, gas equipment, and all other necessary items. In passing, I may state that our equipment is superior in quality to the equipment issued to the State Troopers and believe that in anticipation of cases similar to the DILLINGER matter, we should augment the amount and types of equipment maintained in all Division Offices.

Returning to the State Troopers' cooperation, I believe that it would be a diplomatic move if you addressed a communication to Major Lynn Adams, Superintendent of the Pennsylvania State Police at Harrisburg, Pa., commending and expressing gratification for the services volunteered and performed by Captain Jasper Oftedahl and his organization. I believe that a letter of this type would cement the bonds of friendship and would greatly facilitate the handling of matters of this kind in the future.

While awaiting the ultimate outcome of efforts to locate the house described by informant John Kelly, a number of the Division Agents took advantage of the pistol range at the State Troopers Barracks and not only amazed the on-looking troopers by their marksmanship but likewise amazed themselves, I believe. The results obtained from their revolver practice were little short of miraculous and if I had not personally witnessed the actual shooting I would be inclined to be very skeptical of the authenticity of the targets submitted. In the words of one of the State Troopers, it is "impossible to shoot that way at that distance".

The Agents of this office who were assigned to this matter functioned exceedingly well and showed absolutely no hesitancy in proceeding under full arms and with full knowledge that a great personal risk and hazard was involved in the movement of each individual. The concern of the Agents appeared to be primarily to avoid the injuring of any innocent persons. On the whole, while,

of course, disappointed with our necessary return to headquarters with an empty game bag, I was very pleased with the manner in which our entire advance was made.

While engaged in various conversations with Agent McLaughlin, he stated his personal opinion that while he admires and respects both Mr. Clegg and Mr. Rorer, he does not believe from his observations of their activities in the Chicago district that they have had a sufficient amount of experience in the conducting of raids, and commented upon their failure to even give consideration from time to time to the suggestions or probabilities that are offered by Agents working under them. Mr. McLaughlin commented upon the attitude of Mr. Purvis and Mr. Hanni in full hearing and giving consideration to any suggestions, possibilities, or probabilities that are ventured by Special Agents. I offer Mr. McLaughlin's comments not in any spirit of reflection upon any Division personnel but solely for your consideration in estimating the character of work for which the various men are best suited.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD A. TAMM  
Special Agent in Charge

EAT:IN

COPY

1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

June 25, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

There is attached hereto a copy of a notice and petition entitled WILLIAM E. VIDLER vs. MELVIN PURVIS, etc., et al. This has been addressed to myself and to the United States Attorney in Chicago, and is self-explanatory in its petition for the deliverance of the sum of \$500.00 of the money which was recovered from Vidler at the time of his arrest in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case.

The hearing has been delayed until Wednesday, June 27, and I will advise you as to any action taken therein.

Very truly yours,

<sup>O</sup>  
M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC: St. Paul

Att.

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*H.W. Eastman*

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# U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

July 2, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Section 35 of the Manual of Rules and Regulations, there is submitted herewith my personal status as of July 1, 1934:

- (a) Marital Status - Single.
- (b) Names of Societies or Organizations with which connected - Kappa Alpha (southern social fraternity).
- (c) Legal residence - Timmons ville, South Carolina.
- (d) Education -  
Graduated Timmons ville High School, 1920.  
Graduated, L.L.B. degree, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina, June, 1925.  
Admitted South Carolina bar, June 10, 1925.
- (e) Name, address and relationship of person to be notified in case of emergency - M. H. Purvis, Sr., Timmons ville, South Carolina.
- (f) Office where assignment preferred - No preference.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Bankers Building

Chicago, Illinois

July 5th, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to the interviews with applicants for the position of Special Agent, it is my belief that much time is wasted by making notes of the employment and work history of the applicant if he states that such employment history has been given fully in his application blank.

I believe that the applicant should be questioned concerning this matter, particularly for the purpose of allowing an opportunity to the interviewer to size up the applicant, but I believe that it is useless to waste time making notes on each employment record stated by him, particularly in view of the fact that this is already stated in his application.

I therefore suggest that applicants be questioned concerning their employment history, but unless there is some outstanding feature which needs explanation, that the reiteration of same be eliminated from the personal appearance forms.

Very truly yours,

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M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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July 14, 1934.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

There has been received in the Division within the last several days a great quantity of newspaper clippings transmitted from your office, said clippings dating back to April 28, 1934.

I have repeatedly emphasized the desire of the Division to obtain newspaper clippings which pertain to any item in which the Division is interested but obviously the transmission of newspaper clippings several months after their publication is of no value or assistance to the Division.

Please submit a report as to the circumstances which required the maintenance in your office for a period of several months of these newspaper clippings.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Carson	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Gurnea	.....
Mr. Hendon	.....
Mr. Pennington	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

JWW:MG

July 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

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This morning, Mrs. Helen M. Plitt of the Adjustment Division of the Civil Works Administration, called the writer by telephone and stated that she would like to ascertain if possible the status of the investigation of two Federal Civil Works Administration cases located respectively in the vicinities of Price and Dodge Counties, Wisconsin. She stated that Mr. Martin Uhlman, Supervisor of the North-western Territory for the Federal Civil Works Administration, had communicated with her, Mrs. Plitt, in regard to these cases. She stated that before Mr. Hopkins had gone to Europe, he left orders that all Civil Works Administration employees be dropped from the rolls by July 14, 1934, and that any administrative duties in connection with Civil Works Administration work should be carried on by the employees of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration. She stated that Mr. Uhlman was probably interested in the status of these two cases because of the orders of Mr. Hopkins.

I advised Mrs. Plitt that the two cases had been referred to the Chicago and St. Paul Offices for investigation but that no reports had been submitted; that possibly the investigations may have been started although it is not known for certain that the investigations had been initiated in these cases. It was further suggested to Mrs. Plitt that she advise Mr. Uhlman to contact the Chicago and St. Paul Offices of this Division which would be able to better advise him as to the status of these cases and about when the investigations would be made.

She stated Mr. Uhlman had gotten in touch with Mr. Purvis at Chicago and that he did not seem anxious to see him and made a remark in substance to the effect that he did not want to bother with these cases and would prefer that his office did not have the responsibility of investigating these types of cases.

I explained to Mrs. Plitt that the pressure of the Division's work is very great but that every effort would be made to investigate the Civil Works Administration cases as promptly as possible and that when the reports are received they will be immediately forwarded to her. She said that she would again communicate with Mr. Uhlman and advise him to keep in touch with the Chicago and St. Paul Offices.

Respectfully,  
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JUL 17 1934

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*J. W. Warnes.*

JAN 13 1935

Ascertain whether Purvis did act in this manner. J. G. H.

*Purvis 7-14-34 GAT*

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1900 Bankers Building

Chicago, Illinois

July 5th, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to the interviews with applicants for the position of Special Agent, it is my belief that much time is wasted by making notes of the employment and work history of the applicant if he states that such employment history has been given fully in his application blank.

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Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

MHP:LJM

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois  
July 16, 1934

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

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter dated July 14, 1934, relative to the great quantity of newspaper clippings transmitted by this office to the Division, some of which were dated as far back as April 28, 1934.

With reference to your request for an explanation of the circumstances which required the maintenance of these newspaper clippings in this office for a period of several months, please be advised that for quite a while the work required in clipping newspapers in this office was such as to require a large amount of one employee's time, and in view of the fact that more important clerical work was necessary also during that time, it was advisable to delay newspaper clipping. The clerical force in Chicago was inadequate, but I believe that with the employment of an additional typist and one stenographer, both of which I am endeavoring to secure as early as possible, there will be no recurrence of this situation.

During the past several days the newspaper clippings have been going out on time, and I hope that such delays will not be experienced again.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

JAN 18 1935

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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July 23, 1934.

Personal

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Melvin:

I wanted to write and repeat to you my expressions of pleasure and commendation which I tried to convey to you last night. The shooting and killing of John Dillinger by the Agents of your office under your admirable direction and planning are but another indication of your ability and capacity as a leader and an executive. I am particularly pleased, because it again confirms the faith and confidence which I have always had in you. While the expressions of the public are most laudatory, you and I both know how fickle such may be, but I did want you to know that my appreciation of the success with which your efforts have met in this case is lasting and makes me most proud of you.

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The gratification with which the Attorney General received the news when I spoke to him just before he took the train for the West would have indeed pleased you if you could have heard his expressions. He and Mr. Stanley, the Assistant to the Attorney General, have both been so patient and helpful in their attitude of confidence and support, that I was glad that the Division could "get" Dillinger and "get" him itself. This would not have been accomplished had it not been for your unlimited and never-ending persistence, effective planning, and intelligence, and I did want you to know how much I appreciate it.

JUL 24 1934

With expressions of my best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

AIR MAIL  
SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

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JUL 24 1934

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- Bill Matthews  
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given to you verbally and in writing, namely, that you must keep your office advised at all times during the entire twenty-four hours as to where you are and as to how you can be reached if an emergency demands the same.

In connection with the Pawelczyk case, I do not know why you did not promptly advise the Division of the fact that this information had been reported to you by the Warden. The press reports carried the statement that you had stated that the matter had been reported to you by the Warden, and that you were going to make a thorough inquiry into the same. While I realize that the story might have impressed you as being fantastic, nevertheless I am certain that you can appreciate that any statement that has any relation with the Lindbergh kidnaping case is one that at once attracts public attention, and this office was unable, for over two hours, to obtain any confirmation from the Chicago Office of the fact that the Warden had reported the matter and that the Chicago Office was looking into it. No other member of your office knew of this fact, so they consequently could not advise the Division at Washington during the two-hour period when the Division was seeking to contact you. Matters of this kind should at once be called to our attention by either long distance telephone or by teletype, in order that we may intelligently answer any inquiries made of us by the press.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

WRG:AS

July 25, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is called to previous requests made by the Division for three photographs of yourself, size approximately three by five, suitable for newspaper reproduction. Will you please give this matter your immediate attention so that the photographs may be available for the Division files?

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

July 25, 1934.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

Re: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER with aliases  
(Deceased) - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1217;  
JOHN HAMILTON with alias, I. O. 1220;  
HERBIE VAN NISSEN with aliases, I. O. 1225;  
LESTER M. GILLIS with aliases, I. O. 1223;  
THOMAS LEONARD CARROLL with aliases  
(Deceased), I. O. 1224; MARIE MARION  
COMFORTI with aliases - FUGITIVE;  
MRS. HELEN GILLIS with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
et al. - NATL. MOT. VEH. THEFT ACT  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES

Dear Sir:

For your information there are forwarded here-  
with copies of a letter, dated at Chicago, Illinois, July  
24, 1934, from L. J. Hanson, General Superintendent of  
Police, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad  
Company, and copies of acknowledgment of same from this  
office.

Very truly yours,

VWP:AB  
Encs.  
26-5685

S. P. COWLEY

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C O P Y

CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE, ST. PAUL and PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY  
OFFICE OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE

CHICAGO, Ill., July 24, 1934

L. J. Benson,  
Gen. Supt. of Police

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Mr. Melvin H. Purvis,  
Agent in Charge,  
U.S. Dept. of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Melvin:

I am very happy to congratulate you and your fine organization upon the very fine way that you have handled the case of the notorious John Dillinger.

Several months ago, there was an epidemic of criticism brewing against your organization. If you remember, I told the Press in a letter that your Bureau was capable and would clean up the Dillinger situation and you have accomplished just that in eliminating our so-called "Public Enemy No. 1".

How noticeable it is that when an Officer experiences a little hard luck in his line of duty, how ready the public is to criticize and upon accomplishment of the same, how they can glorify you. I am not in the habit of singing praises, but I do want to take this opportunity to tell you that the job was well done and I knew you would do it with the backing of your able superior, Edgar Hoover. I congratulate Mr. Hoover because he had the courage to meet the criticisms and to encourage you, which, without doubt, had a great deal to do with arousing your ambitions to a favorable accomplishment, that is, the killing of Dillinger.

With my best wishes for your continued success.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) L. J. BENSON  
General Supt. of Police

LJB/P

1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

July 25, 1934.

Mr. L. J. Benson  
General Superintendent of Police  
Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul  
and Pacific Railroad  
Chicago, Illinois

Re: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER  
with aliases (Deceased),  
FUG., I.O. 1217, et al.  
N.M.V.T.A., etc.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your kind letter, dated July 24, 1934, and I am taking this opportunity to acknowledge same in the absence of Mr. Purvis, who is out of the city at the present time. Your letter will be directed to the attention of Mr. Purvis immediately upon his return to Chicago.

You may rest assured that your congratulations and kind expressions concerning the work of this Division are sincerely appreciated.

I also desire to express my deep appreciation for the cooperation which you have always extended this office.

Very truly yours,

VWP:AB  
CC-Division

S. P. COWLEY

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1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois  
July 16, 1934

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

Dear Sir:-

I have received your letter of July 14, 1934, advising that you had been informed that Mr. Martin Uhlmann, Supervisor of the North-western Territory of the Federal Civil Works Administration had talked to me, apparently by telephone, for the purpose of discussing a case, or cases pending in this office, and I note that Mr. Uhlmann states that I did not seem anxious to see him, and made a remark in substance that I did not want to bother with these cases and would prefer that this office did not have the responsibility of investigating this type of case.

I recall that Mr. Uhlmann has talked to me over the telephone on several occasions in the past. At one time he informed me that he desired that an agent from this office be assigned to his office for the purpose of instructing his personnel as to the manner in which investigations should be made. He and Colonel L. I. Sulten, who is Administrator of Cook County, also made this request of Special Agent J. P. McCarthy, at the time stating that the United States Attorney's office had indicated to them that they did not desire CWA cases referred to that office unless and until an appropriate investigation had been made. They apparently had been informed that it would not be proper to refer these cases to the United States Attorney's office, unless this action had been taken. At the time I talked with Mr. Uhlmann, and he also informed Mr. McCarthy similarly, he stated to me that in view of the fact that his investigators are untrained and inexperienced, and also in view of the fact that many of the cases now pending in his office were of little or no consequence, he believed that a Special Agent of this Division could point out such cases as should be investigated, and eliminate those, much investigative activity. It can be readily seen that this would result in the assumption of the authority of the United States Attorney's office by the Chicago Office of the Division, and I therefore informed Mr. Uhlmann that this, of course, could not be done, and that the matter of separating the inconsequential cases from those of importance, was within the province of this organization. I informed Mr. Uhlmann on the occasion of my last telephone conversation with him that I would be more than pleased to assist him in any manner, but that I could not decide as to what cases should be investigated, and which should not. I informed Mr. Uhlmann that I

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would be very glad to have him come by at any time for the purpose of discussing any matters which might assist him in any manner whatever.

As to his statement to the effect that I did not seem anxious to see him, I know of no better means by which I might indicate my willingness to cooperate, than to suggest that he call on me at any time he might desire, which I did. I advised him that I would be very glad to aid him and to discuss any matter with him wherein I might be of some assistance.

As to his statement to the effect that I stated in substance that I did not want to bother with these cases, I am inclined to think this statement is rather lame, inasmuch as I am fully cognizant of the fact that I have no control over the type of investigative activity with which this Division is charged. His statement that I expressed my likes or dislikes with reference to cases handled by this office is without basis of fact since I would not make any statement to that effect, and I did not make any statement which might be so interpreted.

For your information, there is attached hereto copy of a memorandum prepared by Special Agent J. P. McCarthy as of June 27, 1954, which memorandum is self-explanatory, and which shows the results of a discussion held by him with Colonel Sultan and Mr. Uhlmann.

For your information, further, there are several other CMA cases pending in this office, and these cases are being assigned as rapidly as possible, although there are some which are not assigned at the present time. I will continue to assign these cases for investigative work just as rapidly as such action is possible.

Very truly yours,

  
M. H. CURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

MHP/dr

June 27th, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

On June 27th, 1934 Colonel D. I. Sultan, CWA Administrator of Cook County and M. S. Uhlmann, Field Representative of the CWA, working out of Washington in the middle west, called at this Office in connection with a number of alleged violations of the Civil Works Administration Act, particularly in connection with CWA projects at Harvey and Berwyn, Illinois. The Harvey, Illinois, project has already been brought to the attention of this Office by the Division on several occasions. However, no investigation has been conducted to date. The Berwyn, Illinois, project has not as yet been referred to this Office.

Colonel Sultan and Mr. Uhlmann both advised that the complaints relating to these projects are the most serious and aggravated of any complaints received at the CWA offices and they advised that a number of vouchers are not being paid to contractors on these projects and will not be paid until an investigation has been conducted by this Division. They explained that the complaints received involve in many instances the contractors to whom the vouchers are payable and they feel that should the vouchers be paid at this time it will simply be necessary at a later time to bring action against the contractors to recover the money paid.

It is explained that the CWA in this County is endeavoring to close their books by July 15th and that the withholding of the payment of these vouchers is preventing the closing of the books and therefore resulting in an additional expense of about \$1000.00 a week.

The detailed information relating to the Harvey, Illinois, project has been forwarded to Washington and by letter dated May 7th, 1934, the Division has instructed the Washington Field Office to secure detailed information regarding this project and furnish the same to the Chicago Office. This information has not as yet been received.

Colonel Sultan requested that an Agent be assigned at the earliest possible time to begin an investigation into the Berwyn, Illinois, project and that investigation into complaints growing out of the Harvey, Illinois, project be held in abeyance pending receipt of report from the Washington Field Office.

Both Colonel Sultan and Mr. Uhlmann explained that they have countless complaints filed at their office on which some investigation has been conducted by an investigator corps working under the CWA. These minor complaints have not been referred to the Division for investigation. Colonel Sultan advised further that he is convinced that his investigative unit

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is green and untrained and that they have accomplished nothing in their investigations of the complaints received. He asked that this Office assign an Agent to his office for several days for the purpose of looking over the many complaints and thereafter advising his investigators as to what investigation should be conducted and closing any cases that he might feel are worthy of no further investigation.

Colonel Sultan stated that he had already presented a number of cases to the United States Attorney's office which had been investigated by his organization and the United States Attorney advised him that he would not consider the cases until they were properly investigated and submitted in the proper order. I advised Colonel Sultan that it is doubtful if we could assign an Agent to instruct his investigators but that we would have an Agent of this Office call on him within the next several days to handle the complaints arising from the Berwyn, Illinois, project and that we would handle the Harvey, Illinois, project as soon as possible.

J. P. McCARTHY  
Special Agent

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August 1, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your teletype message of July 31, 1934, advising that Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin of your Office is to enter the U. S. Marine Hospital at Chicago, Illinois, today for an operation on his chin for a tumor which was caused by a gas infection after having been gassed at Little Bohemia, Wisconsin.

You are advised that a review of the records of the Division fail to disclose that any report of this injury was made to the Division. It is desired that an explanation be submitted as to why this was not done.

The enclosed Employees' Compensation Commission forms C.A. 1, 2, and 3 should be executed by you and Agent McLaughlin and forwarded to the Division at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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August 1, 1934.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

I am inclosing herewith, for your information, a copy of a letter which I received from Commander George R. Shannon, of the James C. Russell Blackhawk Post 107 of the American Legion at Chicago, Illinois, together with a copy of my reply thereto. This resolution, passed by this American Legion Post, will be made a part of your personnel file.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Incl.

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
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August 1, 1934.

Commander George R. Shannon,  
James C. Russell Blackhawk Post 107,  
American Legion,  
174 W. Washington Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Shannon:

I am in receipt of your letter of July 24, 1934, with which you transmitted to me a copy of a resolution passed by the members of the James C. Russell Blackhawk Post 107 of the American Legion, commending Special Agent in Charge Purvis of the Chicago Office of this Division and the other representatives of this Division who participated in the shooting and killing of John Dillinger. I want you to know that we are deeply grateful to you and to the members of your Post for the very kind expressions as reflected in the resolution. The many hours of hard work and labor which this case demanded are more than compensated for when such a representative group of patriotic citizens take the time to express their confidence and commendation of our efforts.

Please convey for me to the members of your Post my deep appreciation of their faith and confidence in our work.

With expressions of my best regards, I am

Cordially yours,

COPY

JAMES C. RUSSELL  
BLACKHAWK POST 107  
American Legion

Department of Illinois  
174 W. Washington Street  
Chicago

July 24, 1934.

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing herewith a resolution passed by the members of the James C. Russell Blackhawk Post 107 of the American Legion.

It is the desire of the Post that you be appraised of the action taken in this matter.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) GEORGE R. SHANNON,  
Commander.

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DIRECTOR

**WHEREAS**, the law enforcement agencies of this and other communities have been subject to much criticism because of the escapes of a certain desperado known as Public Enemy Number 1, and

**WHEREAS**, this criticism rose to such heights that censure was directed against agents of the Department of Justice who were also engaged in this hunt, and

**WHEREAS**, the pursuit of this desperado was unrelentless and no effort was spared in tracking down this criminal, and

**WHEREAS**, Melvin H. Purvis, head of the Department of Justice of this area, was the leader in this man hunt without fear and no thought of reward but to do his sworn duty, and

**WHEREAS**, under the able leadership of Melvin H. Purvis this criminal was brought to justice,

**THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED by the James C. Russell Blackhawk Post 107 that Melvin H. Purvis and all officers under his command be appraised of the fact that this Post of the American Legion in behalf of its members desires to congratulate these law enforcement officers for their devotion to duty in the face of peril and criticism, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded through channels to the Department Convention of the Department of Illinois American Legion for their action, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the superior officer of Melvin H. Purvis.

(SIGNED) GEORGE N. SHANNON  
Commander.

(SIGNED)  
JOHN J. FLYNN  
Adjutant.

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August 9, 1934.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

It is with pleasure that I am inclosing  
herewith the letter of the Acting Attorney  
General, advising you of your promotion from  
Grade Caf-12 to Grade Caf-13, at the rate of  
\$5600 per annum, effective August 1, 1934.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Incl.

cc - Mr. Tolson

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July 27, 1934.

Mr. <sup>Malvin</sup> H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
Department of Justice.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby transferred from Special Agent in Grade Caf-12 to Special Agent in Grade Caf-13, Division of Investigation, effective with entry on duty. Your compensation will be at the rate of \$5600 per annum, payable from the appropriation for "Salaries and Expenses, Division of Investigation," FIELD.

On account of the change in grade, you should execute the required oath office.

Respectfully,

(Signed) William Stanley  
Acting Attorney General.

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## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SORENBORGER, APPOINTMENT CLERK

It is requested that letters be prepared transferring the following employees of the Division of Investigation, as indicated, payable from the appropriation for "Salaries and Expenses, Division of Investigation", FIELD, effective August 16, 1934:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Mr. R. Whitley	Special Agent, Caf 12, \$5000 per annum	Special Agent, Caf 12, \$5200 per annum
Mr. R. G. Harvey	Special Agent, Caf 12, \$5200 per annum	Special Agent, Caf 12, \$5400 per annum
Mr. D. M. Ladd	Special Agent, Caf 12, \$5200 per annum	Special Agent, Caf 12, \$5400 per annum
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<u>Mr. H. H. Purvis</u>	Special Agent, Caf 15, \$5500 per annum	Special Agent, Caf 13, \$5800 per annum

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Approved:

The Assistant to the Attorney General.  
 CC: Mr. Sornborger  
 General Agent  
 Fiscal Control  
 Miss Waddle

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U. S. Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois  
August 11, 1934

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

Dear Sir:-

I am attaching hereto oath  
of office in duplicate, properly executed as of  
today.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Att.

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Mr. Tamm	.....
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1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois  
August 11, 1934

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

I want to thank you sincerely for your  
letter of August 9, 1934, advising me of my promotion  
from grade CAF12 to CAF13, at the rate of \$5600.00 per  
annum.

It was certainly kind of you, and I shall  
do my best to deserve it.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

*Melvin Guwis*

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

DIRECTOR Tolson

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I,           Melvin H. Purvis           do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of

          Special Agent in Charge          

on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

(Sign here)

          Melvin H. Purvis          

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ) Where born (State only)           South Carolina          

          Eleventh           day ) Date of birth           October 24, 1903          

of           August           A. D. 1934 ) Whence appointed:

State           S.C           County           Florence          

Congressional District           6th          

          Helen Dunkel          

Notary Public

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Date of entry upon duty           August 1, 1934          

Residence           11 E. Scott Street, Chicago, Illinois.          

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Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓

Chicago, Illinois  
August 13, 1934

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Dear Edgar:-

I am enclosing herewith a file containing copies of letters and telegrams which I received recently. I thought undoubtedly you would be quite amused at some of them, particularly the poems with regard to the Dillinger matter.

Sincerely,

*Melvin*

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

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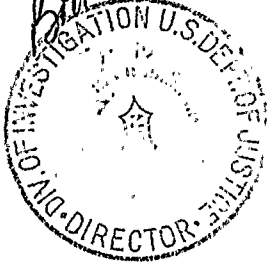
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Bureau of Fisheries

Washington

July 24, 1934

Mr. Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.,  
c/o Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Melvin:

The Nation owes you and your men a debt of gratitude.

You would be amused to hear me boast of the fact that I was instrumental in helping you get your job. All South Carolinians are proud of your record. I am delighted that you got your man, but personally I wish some girl would get you and make you settle down and start a good law practice.

However, if you feel that your present profession is your life's work, I am confident that you will go to the top and if there is any way in which I can help you, I shall be glad.

Gertrude joins me in extending to you hearty congratulations and in wishing for you continued success. Also give Bill McSwain our best regards.

Here's hoping you won't get shot.

Sincerely yours,

Charles E. Jackson

509 S. Fifth  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
July 23rd, 1934

Mr. Melvin H. Purvis  
Department of Justice Agent  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Purvis:

After reading the Extra last night, I was thrilled to learn that John Dillinger had been killed; Furthermore, I thought you might like to know that I consider you the greatest man in Chicago.

You certainly remembered Dillinger's face, after seeing his  
photo  
That's why you recognized him going in the show;  
And when you got him with a gun  
I decided to say: "Congratulations, the job was well done."

I may be wrong, but somehow I feel  
That I will see you some day in a Newsreel;  
However, may I ask a favor of you, Mr. Purvis  
Will you send your picture to the undersigned "Miss?"

Thanking you for this honor, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Jenny Lind Bothe

Florence, S. C., July 23rd, 1934 -

FINE WORK CONGRATULATIONS PROUD OF YOU WISH YOU MORE  
SUCCESS - Ward McLendon

Detroit, Michigan, July 23rd, 1934 -

WE EXTEND OUR CONGRATULATIONS FOR YOUR COURAGEOUS AND  
COMPLETE ACCOMPLISHMENT - John Young, George Greig,  
Federal Laboratories, Inc.

Chicago, Illinois, July 23rd, 1934 -

IT WAS A FINE JOB HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS FROM A FORMER  
SPECIAL AGENT - Hinton G. Clabaugh

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Saluda, S. C.  
July 27th, 1934

Mr. Melvin H. Purvis  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Purvis:

I want to congratulate you on the fine work which you did  
in connection with the John Dillinger case, as well as  
other cases. Our State is proud of you.

With best wishes, I am

Your former law classmate at U.S.C.

M. J. Yarbrough

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Omaha, Nebraska  
July 24, 1934

A GREAT BIG ORCHID TO MR. PURVIS AND ALL HIS LADS!  
CONGRATULATIONS!

"RUTH AND THERESA"

Chester, Iowa  
July 29, 1934

Dear Sir:-

I am very glad that you got Dillinger just the way you did. He never gave anyone a chance if they had anything that he wanted, he just shot them and got it. Shoot them all down just like the dogs that they are.

Yours truly,

H. A. Stockham

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Chicago, Illinois  
July 24th, 1934

Dear Mr. Purvis:-

Please let this note be added to your tremendous amount of congratulatory letters.

It goes without saying, the apprehension of John Dillinger is a great tribute to the Department of Justice and you as it's Chief, deserve untold credit.

You may be interested in knowing that last month I met Mr. A. C. Meims of Raleigh, N. C.

Mr. Meims attended the Junior Association of Commerce Convention which was held at the Miami Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables, Florida. He said if I had an occasion to see you, he would like to be remembered to you.

Sincerely yours,

Charles B. Todt

2024 East 72nd Street

Chicago, Illinois



Eastman, Wisconsin  
July 27th, 1934

Mr. Purvis  
Department of Justice  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Although you have been given the big hand by many and no doubt promoted by now for your deed, but as one South Carolinian to another, here is my hearty congratulation on your work.

I am an employee with the Panama Canal - have come up on Mr. Hutton's, the Gen. Ford. man. yacht and out here for a short visit to my future wife's home. My Dad was an army officer stationed at Fort Moultrie for a number of years - later retired and made Charleston their home and are buried there. My two sisters still live there.

I am leaving here on or about the third for Washington, D. C., and then to the Canal via New York.

Is it possible for me to meet you in person, for I would like to be able to get a letter from someone to the Secretary of War's office - why, I can explain to you from things I have in writing facts which have been harmful to me and are not my fault, as I am down there. I have no one to turn to up here for a redress, and feeling that what I have read of your actions you would, if possible, give me a helping hand. I am due to sail for the Canal the 14th.

Hoping you will give me a reply and also an appointment if possible.

I am, Sincerely,

H. E. Woodruff

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My dear Mr. Purvis:

1605 O Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Knowing how exposed you are to danger I am enclosing a badge of the Sacred Heart asking you to kindly keep it in your pocket as a safeguard against harm. As you may see I am a Catholic and very much interested in your success and safe keeping. The little

badge is an image of the merciful Heart of Christ which can not but attract a heavenly blessing if carried with reverence. You have my prayers and those of many of my friends.

With sincerest wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

Mary C. Pefferman

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July 25th, 1934  
Marion, S. C.

Mr. Melvin Purvis  
Chicago, Illinois

(Glacier National Park)

Dear Melvin:-

Am up here attending an insurance conference. Have noticed in the papers with a great deal of interest your success in getting Dillinger. I congratulate you on this. But maybe I had better tell you who I am. I will make this short because I know you are very busy.

I think about the last time I saw you was when you took me out to Munn and Ellen's house when I was coming home from Wofford in 1920. You were quite young then.

I plan to be in Chicago about Sunday or Monday or both days and will be stopping at the Sherman Hotel. I have a little matter I would like to talk to you about if I could arrange to see you a few minutes. Will try to call you if I can find your address.

Suppose you saw Mildred and Ethel MacBane when they were there a week or so ago.

Anticipating the pleasure of seeing you, I am

Cordially yours,

Tom Gasque

ROTARY CLUB OF CHICAGO

Hotel Sherman  
Chicago, Illinois

July 30, 1934

My dear Mr. Purvis:

As you can see from the attached program, we are having a Crime Investigation program tomorrow noon, July 30th, in the Grand Ball Room of the Hotel Sherman before our club of 635 business executives.

It would be our pleasure to have you and Mr. Cowley, your aid, as our guests at the speakers table. We are asking Mr. William H. Crow, Manager of the Burns Agency, to supplement this invitation with a personal call on you.

It would be a pleasure to our club not only to have you present but to honor you on that occasion for your most recent distinguished achievement. Needless to say, we would not obligate you to address our audience, assuming this would be your wish.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

George L. Treadwell

SECRETARY

Beatrice, Nebraska

July 27th, 1934

Dear Mr. Purvis:-

I want to express to you my deep gratitude for your well planned and well timed "trap" that resulted in the "taking" of John Dillinger, that desperado-killer that has kept the United States uneasy for so long a time.

You and your men faced almost certain death when Dillinger came out of the Biograph Theatre that memorable July night.

I am sure that Dillinger was given more of an opportunity to defend his own worthless life than he would have allowed any one of the brave men that formed his "death trap."

I regret that your informer was a woman instead of a detective whose business it is. It seems not in the scheme of things that the female plays in such a role.

The fact remains that John Dillinger met his death as he would have wished it had he been allowed to choose.

I trust that you will guard your person carefully that none of "his friends" may try to harm you. Only men of unusual courage can be successful in your chosen line of work.

With my kindest personal regards, I am

Respectfully yours,

Harry Bowman

July 25th, 1934

R. F. D. Huntley,  
Illinois

Dear Mr. Purvis:

I was reading in the paper about that you can't except the reward. I'm writing in behalf of drought stricken farmers of this county.

We've hoped and prayed and done everything even to carrying water on our products - we're still hoping it will rain although it don't seem to make much headway. We work hard from morning till night in the hot broiling sun - get very little in return.

Here I am, a young woman only twenty-two years old. I work from 3:30 in the morning milking cows, running the tractor, plowing, trying to make a headway - everything seems to fail.

They promised us relief - we're still waiting for the money. They put so much in the papers about giving us seed and money and we get nothing. The grafters and politions gets it and then in the papers they say they give us so much.

I was thinking since you couldn't except the reward, couldn't you give it to the poor farmers. We need it so bad. You have done a great deed for this country Mr. Purvis, won't you help another.

You have my best wishes for all success since your the only one that has succeeded. God bless you and guide you to give the money to the one that needs it most.

I thank you,

Mrs. A. Olson

Washington, D. C. - July 22nd, 1934 -

MY HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS STOP JUST READ OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENT STOP I KNEW YOU'D SHOW THE WORLD WHAT A WONDERFUL ESTABLISHMENT THE DIVISION IS - Johnie

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July 26th, 1934

Dear Mr. Purvis:-

I feel that it is only right to congratulate you on your very fine, brave work in the Dillinger case.

It is a grand feeling to have, to know that there are such officers as you, looking after the well being of your fellow beings and protecting us against ruthless killers.

The entire country is indebted to you and your co-workers and I hope that in the future you will be amply rewarded for your brave deed.

With best wishes for continued success in a great fight, I am

Truly yours

Mrs. H. Reichenbach  
474 Roosevelt Avenue  
Phillips, Wisconsin

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July 25th, 1934

Good Work!

Charles F. Mies  
Equitable Life Assurance  
Society of the United States  
New York, New York

July 27th, 1934  
R. F. D. #4  
Hendersonville, N. C.

Dear Melvin,

Please let me add mine to the millions of other congratulations and praises you are receiving now - and rightly so. I have been following the Dillinger case in the papers each day. You have done a wonderful thing for the country by getting rid of that man. What I admire more than anything else is the way you stood there in that doorway and gave the sign to fire. I think if I had been in your shoes when Dillinger looked you in the eye, I would have dissolved and merged with the night air.

There is a girl up here who was reared with you - Emily Tarlin, and she and I had a great time this morning at a bridge affair saying we knew you "when."

I saw in one of the papers yesterday that you planned to come home on your vacation this summer. We will be in Hendersonville the rest of the summer and would be delighted to have you come up with us for a few days. We live four miles from town on Echo Mountain. It is really quite pleasant here and I can promise you complete quiet and a rest from the mention of Dillinger, if you feel like coming. Or if you would rather, there is diversion to be had in golf, swimming, bridge and many other things. There are just Mrs. Garner and myself during the week and Alex and his father over the week-end. There is plenty of room always so don't hesitate to say so at any time, if you care to come up.

You are doing a splendid work and I wish you the best of luck in everything.

Very sincerely,

Judith H. Garner

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Dear Mr. Purvis:-

July 28th, 1934

To the many, many messages of congratulation that you must have recently received, may I add mine. Perhaps you will remember that about three and a half years ago, Mr. Nathan, through Mr. Hoover, introduced us and you very kindly escorted my friend, Miss Wright and myself around Washington.

It was with the greatest of pleasure that I read of your outstanding success in the Dillinger case.

Sincerely,

Elsie M. Thompson

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July 24th, 1934

Dear Purvis:-

So you did. So you did! Blanche and I were very proud of you after we read our paper yesterday morning and today your picture graced the front page of our local scandal sheet.

We congratulate you in your progress in the department and in the matter of performance of duty.

Blanche and I have often spoken of you and if you find time we will appreciate a line from you, informing us as to your marital status, general condition of happiness, etc.

As you can see, I am now practicing law - and economy, mostly economy - in my "old home town." We are just about as you last saw us, still in good health and enjoying life.

If you pass through our City on any of your trips, look us up.

With all good wishes, I am, still fat,

Doug

Dawson, Douglas & Goad  
Attorneys at Law  
Charleston, West Virginia



Hotel Ware  
Waycross, Georgia

July 23rd, 1934

Dear Mr. Purvis:-

If you recall several weeks ago I wrote your Chicago Office outlining a vivid dream I had regarding Dillinger. I stated he was in Chicago, uninjured, being cared for in an apartment of one of his woman friends. At the time of my dream her name was familiar but when I awakened I could not recall it.

I am writing to say if my dream was considered to an extent that your men should hunt Chicago for him by locating this woman, I feel I should be entitled to very small part of the reward. However, I am more interested in knowing whether my dream was any help. As your men found him in Chicago uninjured it looks as though it had some realty.

I congratulate your men on getting him. An expression from you would be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Adolphus Blau,  
Auditor

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Scranton, Pa.  
July 23rd, 1934

Dear Mr. Purvis:-

As a fellow-member of the Department of Justice, permit me to extend my congratulations and assure you we all feel gratified at your successful capture of John Dillinger.

Sincerely yours,

Frank J. McDonnell

United States Attorney

COMMISSION GOVERNMENT

Memphis, Tennessee

July 24th, 1934

Dear Mr. Purvis:

I wish to convey through the medium of this letter our congratulations to yourself and the Officers working under your supervision for the splendid achievement accomplished in the final elimination of the Dillinger rat.

It certainly must be a very satisfactory feeling to know that this double dyed fiend finally fell in your net and that, through your efforts he will never again be responsible for the death of any more innocent victims, be they Officers or other citizens.

The boys of this Bureau, all join me in wishing you well in your future activities and will look forward to personally expressing our pleasure in the method of handling this killer, when the opportunity offers.

With expressions of my best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Edward A. Parker

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Little Rock, Arkansas, July 23rd, 1934

CONGRATULATIONS AND ALL GOOD WISHES FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUCCESS

Frank Milwee

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918 Edgecomb Pl.  
Chicago, Illinois  
July 23rd, 1934

Dear Sir:

I just read that you are from Timmons ville, S. C., where many of my mother's relatives were, and hasten to add our appreciation

of your fine work.

The Hon. Chap Clements of Timmons ville was my mother's cousin. She was a daughter of James Jordan of Darlington and Florence and I believe, the largest estates there. My grandmother was from the Byrds, the Clements, Registers, Ransfords and Redfords of Virginia and I have heard her mention the name of Purvis often.

I ran away and married a Shakespearean actor when I was sixteen and never forgiven by family - but he is a fine man and I have not regretted it. He was a prominent member of Chicago Civic Shakespeare Society (all star cast) at Civic here and New York - three years. If they open this season and you are in the city my husband will send tickets to you.

I won't be in company as I have been in heavy braces for nine months and no relief in sight from pain. Street car hurt me and they offered one sixty dollars.

We adopted two South Carolina boys - keep them down there.

Again telling you how proud we are to read that you are a son of South Carolina and begging pardon for this long letter, I am

Very cordially,

Rubia Menging  
(Mrs. Ralph Menging)

We lived in Evanston Illinois until depression. All Chicago is proud of you and your wonderful work.

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CHICAGO COAL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION  
30 North LaSalle Street  
Chicago, Illinois

July 23rd, 1934

Dear Melvin:-

It was sincerely a pleasure to read in the paper this morning that you and your organization were responsible for the locating and the killing of John Dillinger.

It is indeed gratifying that he met his death in the Chicago

district by your agents under your supervision.

Congratulations.

Sincerely yours,

James D. Rooney

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Macon, Georgia, July 23rd, 1934 -

WELL DONE CONGRATULATIONS - J. C. Smith

St. Paul Minnesota, July 23rd, 1934 -

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND THE OTHER AGENTS - J. H. Rice

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Hotel Lincoln  
New York, N.Y.

July 23rd, 1934

Dear Melvin,

Congratulations - a fine job well done.

Sincerely,

Joe Genau

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July 30th, 1934

Dear Melvin,

I was coming up the stairs a few minutes ago with a bunch of pinks that I bought from a shabby old lady and I decided definitely that I would write you a note of congratulations. I remember perfectly writing you once that no matter what turn events might take that I would be so glad when success came to you. That is still quite true although it was said so many

years ago - when I was a very young little girl and a aggravating one at that. You are a celebrity now and I want to tell you - whether you believe it or not - that I am very happy for you.

I saw Kessie about a month ago and she said that you would be home soon on a vacation. I am in Florence frequently and will see you no doubt if you come by the house.

You and Kessie were so lovely to St. George last summer in Chicago. He enjoyed it tremendously.

Melvin, I hope you will be careful - you have such a hazardous job.

Rosanne

P. S. I was not just unselfish to buy those pinks. I have always adored them.

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INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

302 East 35th Street, N.Y.

July 25th, 1934

My dear Purvis:-

This is just an informal note of congratulation to you on the brilliant execution of the Dillinger coup. I am delighted beyond words that the chance came to you to handle this matter and that you disposed of it in such decisive and satisfying fashion. The whole country is applauding you.

Sincerely,

Bruce Smith

Undated

My dear Mel

Just a short note out of the blue to congratulate you on the Dillinger coup.

Being miles away from anywhere in the great Canadian woods, it was amazing to go into the Soo to do well by the liquor permit and see the great news chalked on a blackboard in the window of the 2 x 4 newspaper office there.

Trust me to miss the big excitement of the century - I'm terribly proud of you - as is everyone else for the swell job. It was a grand comeback after the Minnesota affair, which was undoubtedly exaggerated and not all your fault. But as you know, persons in key positions like yours get blamed for lots more than their due.

Again congratulations.

Bunny

Katharine Daniels  
70 Cedar Street  
Chicago, Illinois

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July 26th, 1934

Horrace, my boy, I'm proud of you. I told you when we were in Dallas together that if you kept on you would be a great detective some day and here you are with the papers singing your praise and chronicling you as a modern Sherlock Holmes in the flesh. Seriously tho it was great work, and we are glad you did it. Keep the crimson and gold on top.

Fraternally,

Billy Doar

Mr. William Doar  
Rock Hill, S. C.

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Lake Placid Club, New York, July 23rd, 1934 -

YOU DID A BIG JOB PERFECTLY STOP CONGRATULATIONS - Roy O. West

Columbia, S. C., July 23rd, 1934

MIGHTY GOOD JOB CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND ALL THE FELLOWS ON  
THE DILLINGER CASE - Charlie Cuttino

Nashville, Tennessee, July 23rd, 1934 -

GEE YOU MUST BE TOUGH LOVE AND CONGRATULATIONS - Rorer

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Florence, S. C.  
July 23rd, 1934

Dear Melvin,

Now that you are next in greatness to the President, I presume you can truly say "I am a great man" and add and widely known and justly famous. We are all kinder proud of you.

Went to see your father Thursday. He sure had a big time and I am glad he took the trip. I feel he must have told you how to shoot Mr. Dillinger. I trust you will now get sensible and come south to see your old friends.

We have hopes of selling Mars Bluff to the Government. Several big dogs from Washington are here today.

My mother had a serious operation about two months ago and is not so well yet; is still in bed most of the time. She is staying with Walter and Amelia.

Oliver Edwards is to wed in August.

I am still cradle snatching and amounting to nothing. Come on home and lets go to the sea. I will let you carry a little boy if you still have the old "parental instinct" about which you told Tony.

Bill Friar has been transferred to Washington but has not returned as yet.

Write to me when you get a chance. Remember me to Skipper  
and tell Milton and Pres. I often think of them.

Frank Williamson is courting pretty hard.

Your friend,

Jay

Mr. J. W. Wallace  
Box 18  
Florence, South Carolina

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New York, New York, July 23rd, 1934 -

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND THE BOYS MELVIN - John A. Brann

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July 26th, 1934

Dear Melvin,

Congratulations, I knew you would get him, if it was up to  
you.

From what I've heard, what you need is a good long vacation.  
But you probably will not take it, because you have always  
been stubborn about taking your vacations.

Yours truly,

St. George

St. George Willcox  
Florence Public Library  
Florence, South Carolina



CAROLINA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

Raleigh, North Carolina

July 26th, 1934

Dear Melvin:-

Just a few lines to congratulate you on your good work last Sunday night and to tell you how proud I am of your success in your work. I have heard numbers of folks comment very highly of your excellent work in the Dillinger case and their hope is that you can get balance of them.

Understand that Uncle Melvin has recently spent a while with you; know that he enjoyed being in Chicago and especially being able to spend some time with you. Guy dropped in to see me a few minutes one afternoon last week; he is now staying in Henderson for a while.

Had hoped to get to the fair before it is over with but looks like I am not going to be able to make it now. If you come home for a vacation would be delighted to have you stop over to see me for a while.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Allen

(Mr. A. C. Mims)

East Moline, Illinois, July 23rd, 1934 -

IT GIVES US GREAT PLEASURE TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON A JOB SO  
WELL DONE - Charles F. Carpentier, Mayor; Thomas J. Schafer,  
Chief of Police

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RICHARDSON & REDFORD

Attorneys at Law

Glasgow, Kentucky

July 23rd, 1934

Dear Purvis:

I just noticed in the papers this morning about the good work you and your men pulled off yesterday and I want to congratulate you on same. I am glad you had another chance at him in view of his escape once before.

I see a few of the boys every once in a while when I am in Louisville. I think Hurley is still in the Cincinnati office. I was in Louisville last Sunday and Monday and inquired about Winn but they say he hasn't been there for some time.

If you ever have the chance to get down this way be sure and come by to see me.

With best regards and again I offer congratulations for the good work, I am

Sincerely,

Carroll M. Redford

St. Louis, Missouri  
July 23rd, 1934

Dear Mr. Purvis:

I was delighted to read in the morning paper that the Dillinger search was brought to a successful conclusion by you and the agents of the Chicago Division Office. Heartiest congratulations and hope you get the rest of the boys rounded up in quick order.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Jamison

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Denver, Colorado  
July 23, 1934

Dear Melvin:

Congratulations to you and fellow Agents for the splendid work. My only regret is that I wasn't there with you.

You certainly deserved a break considering the tough luck we experienced. You should have gotten rid of me sooner.

Things are going along so-so here. However, every once in a while I feel the urge to be back in the excitement.

Regards and best wishes,

Jay

Jay C. Newman

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THE PULLMAN COMPANY

Chicago

July 23rd, 1934

Dear Purvis:

Re: "Capture" of Dillinger - Congratulations!

You and your men did a damn good job, just as it should have

been done.

Very best wishes,

E. J. B.

P. S. I tried to get you on the 'phone.

Edward J. Brennan,  
Chief Special Agent

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July 23rd, 1934

Dear Purvis -

Three cheers! I've been betting on you right along.

Goddard

Calvin Goddard  
469 East Ohio Street  
Chicago, Illinois

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Undated

How do you feel about your luck now? I'm very proud of you.

Sarah

Miss Sarah Brown  
Society News Department  
Chicago Daily News  
Chicago, Illinois

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Columbia, S. C., July 26th, 1934 -

THE COLUMBIA LIONS CLUB CONGRATULATES YOU ON SUCCESSFULLY  
STOPPING DILLINGER - Frank C. Owens, President.

DR. FRANK C. OWENS

1319 Laurel Street

Columbia, S. C.

July 29th, 1934

Dear Melvin:-

First let me add my personal congratulations to that of the Country on your Dillinger coup. You certainly handled it right. I felt when you got that N.D. message that you might be on the way to the right tip and I believe you were.

Next I want to express our thanks for the delightful ride you so kindly gave up. We all enjoyed it so much. It made our stay much more interesting.

Then I want to urge you to drop in at one of our Lion Club luncheons. You remember you told me you had lately talked to one of the Chicago clubs. If you could possibly find time when you come to South Carolina to say a few words to the Club, we would be very grateful.

With best regards, I am

Fraternally yours

Frank Owens

P. S. You are being used by the local K. A. Chapter in working on prospects. You offset the S.A.E.s Bobby Jones.

F.C.O.

LIONS CLUB OF COLUMBIA

Columbia, S. C.

July 26, 1934

Dear Mr. Purvis:-

As indicated by telegram of President Frank C. Owens, the Lions Club of Columbia is very much interested in the great work you are doing, especially since we consider you a "Carolinian" of which we are proud.

A news item states you will pay this State a visit shortly while on your vacation. Past President Walter F. Going, President Frank C. Owens and I, are wondering if it will be possible for you to visit Columbia during one of our meetings and be our special guest (principal speaker if you will consent) on that occasion.

We will meet at Hotel Columbia, 2 P. M. on Monday August 6th and 20th, and September 3rd and 17th.

We earnestly hope you may be in position to honor us with your presence on one of these dates.

Again congratulating you on your great work, we are

Most sincerely,

LIONS CLUB OF COLUMBIA

By G. Ralph Little

Secretary

PERRY-MANN ELECTRIC COMPANY, Inc.

Columbia, S. C.

July 23rd, 1934

Dear Melvin -

Congratulations.

We all knew you'd get him and I know you are glad to get a bad job well done.

Have just talked to Edith and is she proud of her brother. Well, she should be.

Kind regards.

Bill Perry

LANDIS, LANDIS & LANDIS

Chicago

July 23rd, 1934

Dear Purvis:

Heartiest congratulations on your success on ridding this country of the most dangerous and notorious bandit since the days of Jesse James. Reading of it this morning gave me a great thrill, but despite that I realize how you must have felt with that responsibility on your shoulders. No amount of thanks on the part of Society can repay for one iota of the grave danger which you personally faced and to which you had to send your men. You are entitled to every honor bestowed upon you.

I am deeply glad of your victory and I sincerely wish you all the luck in the world for continued success in this battle.

Very truly yours,

Ben Landis

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Kingstree Hotel  
Kingstree, S. C.

July 23, 1934

Dearest Melvin -

May I congratulate you on your Dillinger coup? It is a splendid and a sensational piece of work. I know that you are happy to have eventually succeeded in conquering such a formidable adversary.

After you have rested from your arduous labors and many months of nerve strain, do write me all about yourself. I should like very much to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Chevillette Izlar de Vos



JAY HARRISON BROWN  
Attorney and Counsellor  
29 S. LaSalle Street

August 3, 1934

My dear Mr. Purvis:-

Please allow me again to thank you on behalf of Advertising Men's Post No. 38, of the American Legion, for your kindness in appearing before it on last Monday. Comments by members of the Post were, to say the least, extremely favorable, and I am instructed to inform you that all members of Advertising Men's Post No. 38, American Legion, are behind you one hundred percent in your efforts in this district.

I am enclosing you a copy of our Adposter for this week and ask you, particularly, to read the marked comment.

Thanking you again for your appearance, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

Jay H. Brown

Terre Haute, Indiana

July 25, 1934

My dear Mr. Purvis,

May I add my congratulations to the hundreds which I know you have already? It was apparently a very neatly executed piece of work. However, you really should arrest some of these photographers who are releasing pictures of you. I saw one this morning that was satisfactory, but all others have been dreadful.

On the spur of the moment last Friday evening, Anne and I departed for the lake and arrived almost unannounced. We had a delightful time, but little did I think Sunday night as we raced in a speed boat around the lake, with a gloriously beautiful and peaceful moon over head and the air rushing in our faces, that you would be out shooting public enemies.

Surely that night's work entitles you to a week end leave.

Several of your friends here have spoken about you and the credit which should be yours for your success in this achievement, and I join them in wishing you lots more of it.

Most sincerely,

Irene D. Miller

Mrs. Irene D. Miller  
c/o Clerk of U. S. District Court  
Terre Haute, Indiana

Little Rock, Arkansas

July 25, 1934

Dear Sir:

I have read with much interest and great pleasure of the success you have achieved in your chosen field of endeavor. I have been interested since I first saw your name in print.

I am a South Carolinian myself. From Chesterfield. I knew your father and enjoyed the honor of being a friend of Miss Ada's for a number of years. She is now Mrs. Anderson. I visited in your grandfather's home many times. Knew all the boys - Willie, Melvin, Millard and Otis, who was small then.

With best wishes for continued success, I am

Very truly yours,

J. K. Smith

1023 Cumberland Street  
Little Rock, Arkansas

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CURRENT HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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Columbia, S. C.

July 25, 1934

Dear Mr. Purvis:

WHO'S WHO IN SOUTH CAROLINA, 1934, will present to the public within the near future biographical sketches of those eminent South Carolinians, within and without the State, whose useful and reputable achievements disclose praise worthy examples justifying recognition.

Your name has been proposed and approved as one meriting inclusion and we are glad to enclose a form for your convenience in submitting information for this purpose. There is no charge for the service nor obligation on your part to become a purchaser of the completed work.

We hope to receive your prompt reply, Mr. Purvis, and assure you

of our appreciation of your cooperation.

Yours very cordially,

W. S. Utsey

Editor

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THE TOLEDO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Toledo, Ohio  
August 3, 1934

Dear Melvin Purvis:

Further congratulations on the performance of your duty. This may seem superfluous, nevertheless I am impelled to drop you a line to let you know not only my own feelings of congratulations, but the fine sentiments of faith in the Department of Justice that you have created throughout the country, for my work brings me in contact with leaders in quite a few cities.

I met Attorney General Cummings way back in Connecticut when I was conducting political campaigns on the opposite side of the fence, and such work as yours in carrying out the sincerity of his desires, certainly must please him.

I have just returned from a European trip, and I must say that it was embarrassing at times to try to explain the conditions in the States--your work has cleared the atmosphere all over Europe.

Among my fine friends in France is Jean Chiappe, ex-Prefect of Police of Paris.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Eustace

Industrial Commissioner

July 25th, 1934

Dear Sir:

We want to congratulate you and your men on the capture of Dillinger. We have read the papers in regard to the capture and you sure did a good job.

We are enclosing you photo of man who is wanted here very bad. He is a confidence game man - the worst crook in this country at his game. Bonds and stocks seem to be his game. He got from one old lady here thirty-seven thousand dollars. Another eighteen thousand. Another ten thousand dollars. The Chicago police know this man and have his record. Also the Department of Justice.

Please hand these photos to your men and sometime they might run up on him for us. He has lips like a nigger. Chicago Police have his fingerprints. If you can give us a tip on this man we sure would thank you.

He is supposed to be in Chicago somewhere. He has wife - Evelyn Saunders, alias Martha Davis. They do not stay together in same hotel. He would be around stock and bond houses that are dealing in crooked bonds.

Yours truly,

J. M. Lewis

Chief of Police

Smyrna, Delaware

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July 26th, 1934

Dear Sir:

You don't remember me but I met you when you and my brother Augus Macaulay of Chester, S. C. studied law together at the University of South Carolina.

I am enclosing in this letter a picture of yourself in the Atlanta Journal paper. There is also an article about you in the enclosed paper; thought you might be interested to know what the Atlanta paper had to say about you.

Hoping you a long life and prosperity, I remain

Yours truly,

John Macaulay

573 Federal Terrace  
Atlanta, Georgia

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Pine Bluff, Arkansas, July 23rd -

CONGRATULATIONS WISH I WAS THERE TO HELP YOU IF ANYTHING I  
COULD DO FOR YOU REACH ME AT GOULD ARKANSAS - J. A. Jones

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Dear Mr. Purvis:

I wish to add my congratulations to those you have already  
received upon the successful ending of the search for John  
Dillinger. I have a lively appreciation of your personal  
courage and devotion to duty, and I wish you continued  
success.

Sincerely yours,

James B. McDonough, Jr.

Counsellor at Law

OCT 29 1935

August 2, 1934

Dear Melvin:-

Received today the cigar which played an important part in the recent apprehension of Dillinger. It was indeed kind of you to send it to me and I can assure you that it is a much-prized exhibit.

You and your boys are certainly to be congratulated on the job which you did in this case. As I told John Edgar over the phone, it was especially pleasing to me that he was apprehended under your personal supervision as you have worked so hard over the many past months that you are entitled to the final break.

Here's wishing you the best of success on the other members of the gang.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,

George F. Ruch  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

G. F. Ruch

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Jamestown, New York, July 23rd -

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR MARVELOUS WORK DILLINGER CASE I AM PLEASED BEYOND WORDS SINCERELY - George Ruch

El Paso, Texas, July 23rd -

CONGRATULATIONS HOPE SEE YOU SOON REGARDS BOYS AND GIRLS THERE - Doc White

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Aosta, Italy  
July 7, 1954

Dear Friend of America:

I admire your cool blood in capturing John Dillinger. North America may well admire your courage, as well as that of the woman who denounced Dillinger. In Italy your energetic manner of action has made a very good impression concerning the American Federal Police.

Accept a cordial handshake from an obscure Italian colleague, who having visited in America in 1926, has a thorough knowledge of the life of gangsters.

With cordial regards -

Mr. Julio Vottero

Special Frontier Police  
Saint Oyen

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Los Angeles, Calif., July 23rd

PLEASE ACCEPT MY HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS FOR YOUR COURAGEOUS AND SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS IN RIDDING THE UNITED STATES OF ITS MOST DANGEROUS CRIMINAL I KNEW YOUR UNTIRING EFFORTS WOULD NOT BE IN VAIN HERES HOPING YOU GET NELSON NEXT SINCERELY - John Factor

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My dear Melvin:-

I know you will get and have gotten a great many letters and you no doubt will think that here is just another one of congratulations. Well, I do want to congratulate you and also thank you for the interesting description that you sent us about a month ago of the Fair contained in one of your papers. I saw several familiar views and it made me want to go more than ever. I have always liked your "village" and think it a great old place.

Well, my boy, we are all proud of you and I know that you feel relieved and feel that you have truly accomplished something worth while. I hope that you will never have to go through with two such hours again. Your friends are all looking forward to seeing you in your old home

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town before long and believe that you will enjoy getting back to the quiet life in old South Carolina.

Mr. Willcox joins me in love and best wishes for you and is awfully proud of you. Hugh and Tumpsie have just gotten back from Charleston where Hugh had to have his encampment. I think they both really enjoyed their stay. Lloyd and "Pul" are fine and they both like Charleston.

Love as ever,

Mrs. Fred Willcox  
Box 18  
Florence, S. C.

"Miss Clara"

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Montreat, N. C.  
July 26, 1934

Dear Melvin:

Doubtless you will wonder who I am, but I remember very pleasantly having you in my home on one occasion when you and Dave Gaston were college friends. I am just dropping you a line to tell you how proud your friends are of your success. I congratulate you heartily on the capture of John Dillinger.

The Government has kept you in Chicago long enough. It is too dangerous and it isn't right to keep a faithful servant on a nerve-racking job all the time. Get Gen. Cummings to transfer you to Washington and for your friends' sake ask him to keep you in the civil department.

I hope you will take a rest some time during the Summer and will stop off to see your sisters in Chester. We spend most of the summer here, but I am in Chester from time to time and hope I'll happen to be there if you do visit us, as I would like to shake your hand.

The madam joins me in the best wishes for your health and for your safety and congratulations on your fine success.

Very sincerely your friend,

A. M. Aiken

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GENERAL BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Nashville, Tennessee

August 9th, 1934

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Dear Mr. Purvis:

Your record of achievement and heroic service make you indeed worthy of the high acclaim, recognition, and praise which the press has given you. When one realizes the persistence, the moral courage and stamina, as well as the hard work, which must lie back of such a career there comes also the consciousness of a debt of gratitude to one who serves his country so well.

May I express my personal appreciation of the service you are rendering, and say further that I believe your influence and effort are important factors in developing a new regard for law that can change the whole current of things in the United States.

Inasmuch as I once lived in Timmonsville and had some acquaintance with your family there and at Columbia College, I wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate you and to wish for you continued safety and success.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Freddie Henry

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### A Loss to Uncle Sam

FEW men have left public life with a brighter record for integrity and efficiency than Melvin Purvis, one of the Department of Justice's ace man-hunters.

Any man who can say that he bore a major share of the load in ridding the country of men like John Dillinger and Pretty Boy Floyd—which is what Purvis can say, if he ever feels like bragging—has a pretty good claim on the gratitude of his fellow citizens.

Purvis returns to private life, presumably to the practice of law. The whole country will wish him the best of luck—and will wish, also, that some way could have been found to retain a little bit longer the services of so accomplished a sleuth in Uncle Sam's investigation bureau.

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Columbia, S. C.

August 7, 1934

Dear Melvin:

It's funny, isn't it, that relatives, former friends, and even persons whom you don't even know, write to you only when they want something? I plead "Guilty" on that charge.

Do you remember "Tack" Horton, Carolina '22, one of your fellow assistant football managers?...Well, I'm he. I'm assistant manager of this radio station; still sticking around the ole home town.

Needless to say, I got quite a thrill from reading all about you, inasmuch as I still have the Carolina annual of 1922, in which the picture of the football managers shows Bob Kern, the Lightsey fellow, you, I and another whose face and name I don't recall here at the office, all in the same group. And what tight, pistol-leg trousers we had on.

The local papers say that you are coming home for a while within the next week or ten days, Melvin, and here's why I'm writing to you.

I'm hoping that you'll be in Columbia while you are at home, or that you will plan to be here anyway for a short time. I'd like very much -- and appreciate the break you'll be giving me with my bosses -- if you will go on the air from our station in a short interview. Our station is 1,000 watts daytime, 500 at night, covering about 50 miles daytime, and about 25 at night.

Having so many of your friends in this section, your appearance on our station will obviously be of much interest. Then, too, should you feel free to discuss any phase of the Dillinger case, that would make it even more timely and interesting. The interview could either be impromptu and informal, or we can follow a pre-determined written program of questions and answers, or just you giving any statements you might care to make.

The night following Dillingers death, we put on a 15-minute broadcast dramatization of the happening, in which I took the part of "Purvis" -- and I now offer a thousand apologies to you. So, now, I'd like to put the real "Purvis" on the air, even for just a few minutes.

I hope you'll find time to stop by the station while here, even though you may not feel free to go on the air. And here's best wishes for

success in the Baby-Face Nelson hunt as with Dillinger. Many congratulations -- and you may be sure that all of us who knew you in Carolina didn't miss telling our friends "Why, I knew Melvin Purvis when he was here at Carolina" .... Best wishes for your future.

Sincerely,

Thad (Tack) Horton

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August 7, 1934

Dear Melvin:

Absence from the city has caused my delay in answering your good letter of August 1st. I had already acknowledged receipt of the cigar, upon receipt of your letter.

It was indeed thoughtful of you and John Edgar to send this highly important exhibit to me. I am certainly pleased and display it at every opportunity.

You boys deserve great praise and credit for the fine job which you did in this Dillinger case. I am hoping, and I know you will succeed, in apprehending the other members of his gang.

Thank you for your kind invitation to visit you on my next trip to Chicago. I would like to get there this Fall, as to date I haven't seen the "Century of Progress Exhibition."

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

George F. Ruch  
Frick Building Annex  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

George

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New Milford, Connecticut, July 23rd, 1934

CONGRATULATIONS I AM GLAD IT IS OVER FOR YOUR SAKE - Mary Rowland

Monday night -

May I say congratulations? Know you are tired of hearing them but all the same - you ought to be proud of yourself!!!

I am sending you tonight's paper - just to let you see what the S. C. papers are saying about you.

We really are about to burn down - raining now so hope it will help some.


What have you been doing - besides trapping gangsters? The same ole thing with me - just a vacation we teachers have - no work - no pay! Have been to the mountains several times, etc. Was in Charlotte the other day - saw Lydia Winn - said they were going to visit Virginia McKenzie this summer.

Tubby Smith and wife live here now - Mrs. Smith was up here last week - told us all the Timmons ville news. When are you coming home? I don't get to Timmons ville often but somehow it will always be a "good ole place" to me - 'cause we really did have some good times - don't you think?

Will hush - just wanted to say - hey - and the Elrods are proud they know you!!

Polly

217 W. Earle Street  
Greenville, S. C.



July 23, 1934

M. H. Purvis  
SAC  
Bureau of Investigation  
US Dept of Justice  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Purvis:

Naturally I am proud of you and please accept my heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS for the good work you and your men have shown in the Dillinger matter. With all due respect to you, your men and the Department I have a grievance and complaint to lodge against you all. viz-

Why in Heaven did you not let me know about your plans so that I would have been on hand to make the job more exact. You all know my business therefore I would have completed the job by burying him as far down as hells bottom.

What good are my friends if I cannot use them. I should have made some money on that louse's hide.

Better luck to you all and my best wishes.

Sincerely

Anthony Topoleski



July 23rd, 1954

Dear Sir:

May I commend your very good judgment and express the deep appreciation of many Chicagoans for your splendid work and that of your Agents in bringing about Dillinger's capture and - fortunately for some states - his death.

It has been my contention always that were the utmost secrecy maintained by law-enforcing agencies regarding knowledge of a criminal's location or activities, quicker justice might prevail and apprehension of the criminal become less complicated. The same secrecy - by police and The Press - regarding the law-abiding citizen - the informant or witness of a crime or law-breaking - who would gladly report and cooperate with law-enforcing agencies if he had the absolute assurance that his identity would not be publicly divulged.

I am confident that many cases are not reported through fear - fear that he, the informant becomes immediately, thro' publicity, the target of the reported law-breaker or his henchmen. Many have seen Dillinger here and failure to report has given Dillinger his freedom thus far - the average good citizen's slogan is "Better be a safe man than a dead one."

Can something be done to change the attitude of the people so we will have better and safer cities to live in? Give the law-abiding, the good citizen a break and you will find them more than ready and willing to support and cooperate with our law-enforcing agencies.

Uncle Sam is, we all are, proud of you - so good luck always -

Yours very truly,

(Mrs. Geo.) Marie B. Snyder

1904 Morse Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Melvin,

Congratulations -

Regards,

David B. Traxler,  
Research Assistant  
Fed. Emergency Relief Adm.  
Washington, D. C.

Visited Timmons ville lately,  
every one is proud of you.

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July 23, 1934

Dear Mr. Purvis:

Confirming my telephone call today with your office regarding picture in the picture section of this morning's Tribune, in connection with your trapping of John Dillinger, for which kindly accept my congratulations, I wish to say that the picture intended to be you is the picture of a man by the name of Melvin (or Melville) Purvis at whose murder trial I served as a juror. He was sentenced to eighteen years in the Joliet Penitentiary for slaying Mr. Tracy, his successor in the sign painters' union.

I met you, Mr. Purvis, personally, when I took an examination as a special agent (accountant), and I also know M. Purvis, the criminal, since I looked at him several hours a day for about three weeks.

Congratulating you and your assistants for your heroic act in capturing society's most desperate criminal, I am

Sincerely yours,

7541 Michigan Ave.,  
Chicago, Illinois

Frank L. Somka

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July 23, 1934

Dear Sir:

This letter is sent you by a prospective agent of your bureau, who has recently taken the examination for the position of special agent. It is sent as a congratulation to you and your staff in the capture and killing of the notorious bandit, John Dillinger. I wish you continued success in your splendid work, and hope to be of active assistance to you in the near future.

Yours very truly,

192 North Clark St.  
Chicago, Illinois

Benjamin A. Rasky  
Attorney-at-Law

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July 24th, 1934

Dear Melvin,

While mama is writing, I must say "hello" also - I certainly was excited over your success and proud of you too. It's hard to realize how time has flown by and we have all settled down to the more serious things in life. You, a man of the world and me, an old married woman with a couple of kids. Still, I can't forget the many, many happy years we were home together, the hours and times we spent together - they are happy memories that I will always love and cherish. I often think of them. I wonder if you ever have time for reminiscing.

We had hoped to get to Chicago this summer but took the children to the beach instead. Francis says we may go between tobacco seasons yet - if we do I hope I'll at least get to say "hello" over the phone.

After all Melvin, sometimes I think old friends are the best. I long to see the old gang and wish we could be young and foolish again as we were in our 'teens.

Francis is home only on the weekends now as he is home on the market there - Mother is with me and I certainly am enjoying her visit.

We are always proud of the home town boys. Just be careful. Best wishes for lots of luck and success.

Sincerely,

Fannie Byrd

Mrs. Francis Pepper  
1809 Runnymede, R.S.  
Winston Salem, N. C.

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Dear Mr. Purvis:

I know I am only one of one hundred and twenty-three million people who are discussing throughout the length and breadth of our land you and your operatives' accomplishment.

The only part that I regret is that I am not where I can still drop in and see you occasionally.

I thought the clipping would be interesting to you. Again I extend my most admirable respect and best wishes. Remember me to Mr. Smith and the other boys.

Most sincerely,

Fletcher Hall Corp.  
Chrysler Building  
New York, New York

R. N. Brown

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August 2, 1934

Dear Melvin:

It is needless for me to state to you that I was very much delighted to read of the successful capture of Millinger which was brought about through your efforts. I have intended writing you congratulating you on the splendid record you are making.

I was in Montreat this past weekend, and was accounting with John Roddey the old days in Law School when we used to do a little boning and bulling, mainly bulling. However, I presume by this time because of our activities along other lines that we have not suffered materially from our exposure to the law. Laying all joking aside, I have found that the study of law has been very helpful to me in my various lines of activities from time to time, and particularly do I look back with pleasure upon our good bunch of fellows that always pulled together so nicely.

As you know, my residence is at Eastover, but as President of the Columbia Bank for Cooperatives, which serves the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, my office is in Columbia, 700 National Loan & Exchange Bank Building. I

hope that if you are ever in this section visiting the home folks that we can get in touch with each other.

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

Sincerely yours,

Alfred Scarborough  
700 Natl. Loan & Exchange Bank Bldg.  
Columbia, S. C.

Alfred

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July 30, 1934

Dear Purvis:

Congratulations, young feller. You did a wonderful job of it and am sure glad that things shaped themselves so that you could be in on the finish as you earned it if anyone ever earned anything. Baby Face next!

Am writing this personal note to get a little help. Confidentially, I am accompanying the Attorney General and party on their western trip and will be with them again from August 16th to about September 2nd, having left them after three days in California before they sailed for Honolulu Saturday. Thought it would be pleasant to the General if he could get some real newspapers while in Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks and have written the Director to make arrangements for someone in the Division to mail me the Washington papers and told him I was writing you to ask you to do the same with two Chicago papers daily, with the following itinerary in mind.

We arrive at Glacier National Park on August 24th so if you can arrange to mail the two papers daily Air Mail to me, same to start arriving on that date, same will be appreciated by all concerned. Mail them to me in care of the Lake McDonald Hotel, Glacier National Park, Belton, Mont., the first being mailed to arrive on the 24th and continuing them at that address for arrival up to and including August 28th. Then mail them for arrival, starting August 29th and continuing to Sept. 2nd, addressed to me in care of the Mammoth Hotel, Mammoth Springs, Yellowstone National Park. Suggest you start them out, allowing two days for transit and delivery.

Much obliged in advanced and best wishes for continued success.

Division of Investigation  
Portland, Oregon

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Montreat, N. C.

July 24, 1934

Dear Mr. Purvis:

You being a native of Timmonsville, S. C., and a graduate of S. C. University, have added tremendously to my interest in you, and my admiration for your fearlessness, initiative, perseverance and final success in ridding our Nation of the notorious Public Enemy No. 1.

For years I was Editor of Union (S.C.) Progress and number among my Timmonsville friends, Dr. John McSween, Pres. of P.C., John E. Johnson "Y" Secretary at U of Fla., Henry S. Johnson, Federal Land Bank Commissioner for South Carolina.

Perhaps you remember at U. of S. C. "Mac" Wagner, Schumpert, Garner and others from Union, whom I know well. Also Edward B. Smith of Mullins, who later became Mayor of Union and was outspoken and active against crime.

In your checkup of Dillinger's movements following his wounding in the Little Bohemia (what was the exact date?) raid, did you ever run across any trace that he might have been in western North Carolina, the latter part of April through May and until early June? I ran into something the end of May that aroused my suspicions, but I had not seen a late photo of Dillinger until the story of his death was announced; now they are increased. The fact that Clyde Banghart, Charlotte (N.C.) mail robber, had a Chicago confederate brought to Asheville, has added to my interest. This is confidential, but should you have information that can answer this question in my mind, I will appreciate your sending it to me, with privilege of quoting you, if not contrary to your regulations. The Sheriff in Asheville is a friend of mine and I would like to tease him if Dillinger really visited there. Any other facts you may give me will be of great interest to me, an old Editor whose bad health has laid him on the shelf.

It may be I will never meet you personally but I will pray often that our God will preserve your life for much happiness.

Yours truly,

Allan Nicholson

P. O. Box 261  
Union, S. C.

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Benton Harbor, Michigan

July 23rd, 1934

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My dear Mr. Purvis:

May I renew our recent acquaintance by offering congratulations on your success in the John Dillinger case?

You did great work when you trapped him, but you did greater work when you sent him to the morgue.

I hope your agency will continue the good work.

I am enclosing an editorial which we ran tonight in our paper and which might interest you.

Cordially yours,

Stanley R. Banyon

Editor

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Dear Mr. Purvis:

Congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Morris Traub

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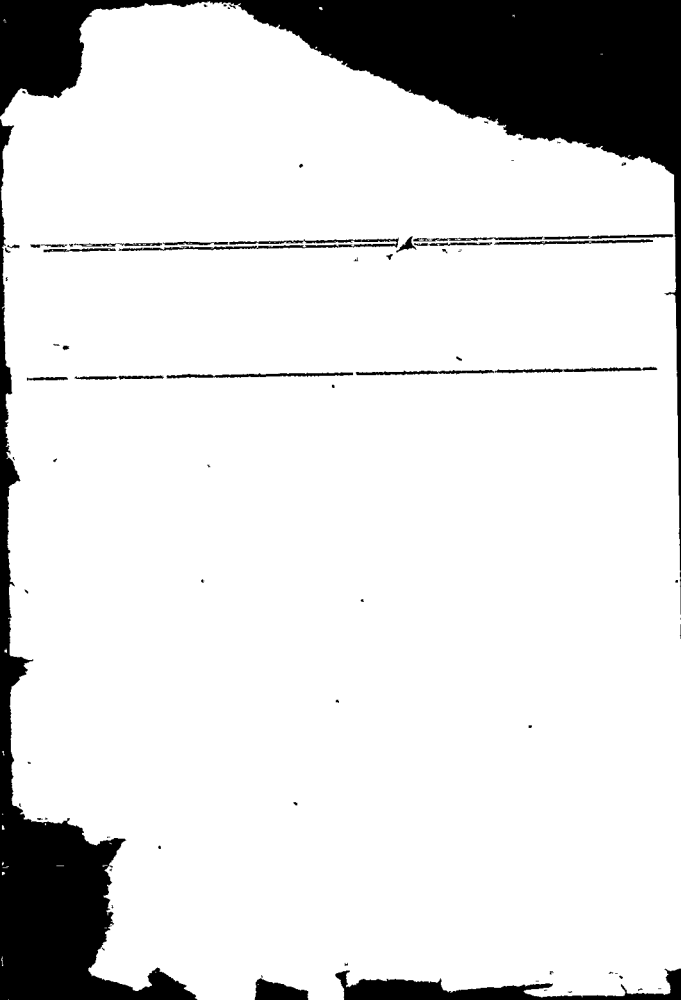
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Dear Mr. Purvis:

I extend to you and your Department my congratulations for the wonderful work you did in extinguishing Public Enemy #1.

It is gratifying to know that you were able to formulate and carry out your plans without loss or injury to your Department.

With my very best wishes for your continued success, I am

Yours very truly,

Ruston, Louisiana

A. E. Wilder, Sr.

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July 27th, 1934

Dear Sir:

More power to you!-- but by the same token, why give "more power" to the criminal by this "movie celebrity" disclosure of your identity?

It has always seemed to me that the greatest asset of a secret investigator was just that --- secrecy.

I am not criticising you personally, but the system. What do you say?

Sincerely yours,

William R. Taylor

529 Fuller Avenue SE  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

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Dear Mr. Purvis:-

We here in Mexico wish to sincerely congratulate you and your men on "getting Dillinger". All along we knew that you would be the one to get this man and yesterday's radio news of the world gave us the information we sought. Congratulations.

Sorry I did not have the pleasure in seeing you before I returned to Mexico, but it may be possible that you will one of these days plan a trip to my country, then if you advise me just what day to expect you I'll meet you at the R. R. Station and do my best to show you around town.

Please convey my regards to Mr. John Edgar Hoover and tell him that I am very sorry that I did not get the opportunity to meet him for I looked forward meeting him so as to personally congratulate him for the fine work he is doing at the head of the Division of Investigation, at Washington.

My best wishes to you and your men and my congratulations for the good work done around your District.

I am,

Sincerely yours,

Teodoro Gonzalez Miranda

Criminal Identification Laboratory  
Police Headquarters, Mexico, D.F.

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UNIVERSAL PICTURES CORPORATION

Universal City, California

July 25, 1934

My dear Mr. Purvis:

Just four months ago I was still a Chicagoan and a Lieutenant on the staff of General Roy D. Keehn, my old boss for the Hearst newspapers.

Agent Scott took me to your office where we discussed the Nazi situation. I am now out here as Mr. Carl Laemmle's assistant. I will never forget the fine impression you made on me and when I read about your marvelous achievement in trapping Dillinger, I felt I must send you my congratulations.

I may be in Chicago sometime next week and I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you personally. In the meanwhile, good-luck to you.

Yours very sincerely,

Julius Klein

Assistant to Carl Laemmle

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Birmingham, Alabama, July 23rd -

CONGRATULATIONS A FINE PIECE OF WORK BEST OF LUCK - Milton McDuff

Charlotte, N. C., July 23rd -

CONGRATULATIONS - Jean Marion

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July 27, 1934

Dear Sir:

One cannot help but admire your ability in handling so successfully the seemingly "impossible to solve cases" that are thrust upon you. I want to congratulate you on your promotion for handling with such marvelous dispatch the account of that notorious, ill-famed hoolum, John Dillinger. Regardless of what they confer upon you, there is no promotion high enough for the head of that department, whose intelligence, fearlessness and determination, should put to shame those people whose crys for your dismissal was nauseating to those who knew of your ability and former achievements.

My admiration for you to perform so diligently the duties of your office despite the flaunts of those never satisfied cranks, has instilled in me a resolution to become an agent under your leadership, regardless of the misfortunes and dangers connected with it.

I am totally unfamiliar with the subjects to pursue or the ways and means of obtaining an application for employment in your department. Any information that I can possibly secure from you, in regards to this, will certainly be greatly appreciated, for my determination to become an agent far surpasses any desire I have ever had.

Respectfully yours,

Richard G. Flaska

3450 West Thirteenth Place  
Chicago, Illinois

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July 27, 1934

My dear Melvin:

Will you let me join my small voice in the general acclaim which is so richly coming to you at the present moment? Indeed, long before this, ever since I read some months ago that you were in charge in Chicago, I have been intending to write you. And now, I cannot resist, relying on your old-time friendliness not to misconstrue my motive in any way.

It is true that I have an admiring pride in you, which can, indeed, mean but little to you in the light of your own consciousness of merit and deserved success. At any rate, please let me express it.

So much water has gone under the bridge since that now far away day when you appeared in the New York office and I had those fleeting hours with you, that you may almost have forgotten them, though I hope not. Some day we may renew them. New York always is calling me - in my own heart, I mean, and all things come to pass in that great city.

I need not ask you how life is using you. We all know that. If you will take this as just my admiring appreciation, I shall be pleased.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Adger Bowen

105 Sumner Street  
Greenville, S. C.

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July 23, 1934

My dear Purvis:

I feel justified in addressing you "Hon." for you are positively entitled to it. My hat off to you, my S. C. hat - for I was born at Charleston, S. C. during the civil war - and tho' old enough to be your Dad, still going strong and while interested in the South in general, particularly so in the Palmetto State, think of it, 125,000,000 people in the U. S. had to go down to our poverty stricken state to get a kid to do this job. If you continue (and you will) what will you accomplish when you arrive at maturity?

Sincerely, a staunch South Carolinian,

Joseph L. Lewith

602 North Harper Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

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July 23, 1934

Dear Governor,

May I congratulate America's latest hero? Of course, all I know is what I read in the papers, but all I read in the papers is what a genius Melvin H. Purvis is. Believe me, Suh, I'm plenty proud of you.

Keep up the good work --- I like to see your pitcha in the papers.

Respectfully,

Mary Amelia Myers

4503 Illinois Ave. N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

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July 30, 1934

My dear Mr. Purvis - or may I say Melvin?

Since your heroic and successful effort in the capture of Dillinger, I have wanted to write you and congratulate you. I have hesitated for I wonder if you remember me and my sister - Miss Garrett; I am always interested in the friends of Henry and Margaret and watch and read with a great deal of interest and pride in all they do. And when they succeed in such a fearless and daring undertaking as you have. I feel that too much commendation cannot be given you. Not only your friends but the entire Nation should feel grateful to you and your men for removing such a desperado.

My sister joins me in congratulations.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Henry B. Morrow

Melvin, my dear boy, be careful and don't risk too much. I will be in Washington on a visit to Henry and Margaret soon. In fact, am leaving this week to be there until September 1st. My sister will go with me. Should you be in Washington while I am there I will be so glad to see you again.

Mrs. Morrow

1800 Acklin Avenue  
Nashville, Tennessee

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Smith while they were there. We certainly celebrated but the time was all too short. Doug really needs a big long rest.

Please give my best regards to your sister, Mary Beth, whenever it is convenient. I enjoyed meeting her last summer at The Century of Progress and would really like to know her better.

Now that I've been writing I'm wondering if you will even remember me. Anyway I'm one of the girls from Arkansas that you let wear your overcoat at the Fair in June, 1933 - the day the temperature dropped so suddenly. One never forgets a "friend in need" you know.

Here's wishing you continued success and the very best of health in the future.

Yours truly,

564 South Boulevard  
Norman, Oklahoma

Mary Bess Smith

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July 26, 1934

Dear Mr. Purvis:

I doubt if a letter from one so humble as myself would interest you or not but I will write you anyway. I am complimenting you on getting Dillinger, as I think every one should.

I am also asking a favor of you. I am a collector of guns in a small way and am asking you to let me know how I could get the Dillinger gun, if possible.

I am just a truck owner and driver and have a wife and three girls to make a living for and on the side I collect old and rare guns, which some day will help to give them an education.

If you would get the gun for me or tell how I could get it I would sure be glad.

Well, hoping to hear from you soon, I will close.

Please write me and address

A. I. Fott  
Hawkeye, Iowa

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July 23, 1934

Dear Mr. Purvis:

I wish to congratulate you and your organization upon the splendid service that you have rendered this nation in doing away with one of its most notorious gangsters.

John Dillinger merited exactly the treatment that he received last evening. It is true that the State of Indiana has invested several thousand dollars of the taxpayer's money in the apprehension, prosecution and the maintaining of this man in prison, yet he never was and never would be worth a thin dime to society.

From now on no citizen or officer's life will be in danger on account of his ruthless activities, the verdict of the coroner's jury will be inexpensive and universally satisfactory, he will not escape any more jails, and will not get out on bond. The dishonest conniving of his unscrupulous attorneys will be of no further value to him, the encouragement that the name of Dillinger has meant to the underworld is now a depressing influence, and from now on you will know just where to find him. It's a good job well done, and I say "more power to your arm."

With my best wishes for your continued success, I beg to remain

Very cordially and respectfully yours,

R. C. Saunders

Bureau of Criminal  
Identification & Investigation  
Payne Building  
Springfield, Illinois

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I completed two and a half years of law at the University and for the past nine months I have been employed as an investigator and an adjuster for the Company whose name is at the top of this letterhead. So far as I am able to determine, I am getting along all right but I am anxious to get in your department and feel that my qualifications will come up to your standard if I am allowed to present them.

If my name is not familiar to you I might refer you to any of the members of The Owl Club at school and Jack Chase. I can also furnish references from many responsible business and professional men in South Carolina.

May I offer my congratulations along with the rest of the Nation on your splendid work on the Dillinger case.

Hoping that I may hear from you and with best wishes for your continued success, I remain

Yours very truly,

The Southern Club  
Elizabeth, N. J.

F. Sidney Green

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July 23rd, 1934

Dear Mel,

Heartiest congratulations. I'm particularly glad that you made the catch. I would have liked nothing better than to have been present myself - but surely was pleased that you made it. It was certainly an excellent piece of work and you deserve great credit for it.

I couldn't resist dropping this note to congratulate you and the entire St. Paul Office joins with me.

Best wishes and hoping to be able to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Mr. D. M. Ladd  
Division of Investigation  
St. Paul, Minnesota

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Dear Mr. Purvis:

Congratulations on your fine work in getting John Dillinger. I hope you get the rest of his gang very soon.

I have been reading about you and your men for a long time and am very much interested in police work. My secret ambition is to become a Federal Agent for the Dept. of Justice.

I am thirty years of age, married and have one child and a former Police Officer. As reference I could refer you to Cap't. A. G. Fiskett, Lieut. F. A. Schulte and Serg't. W. E. McKenna of the Duluth Police Dep't. and several business men of Duluth and Superior.

If you would be kind enough to help me to get on the Dep't. of Justice in Chicago or elsewhere or give me the information as to how I could become an agent would be highly appreciated by me. Hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Yours truly,

1113 Lincoln Street  
Superior, Wisconsin

John J. Novak

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July 25, 1934

Dear Mr. Purvis,

I have refrained from calling you Melvin although I feel that I know you quite well, having known Guy and your sister quite well. Our mutual friends at the University have also spoken of you quite often. As well as I can recall, you graduated the year prior to my entrance at the University of South Carolina.

Today I wrote Mr. Hoover in regard to obtaining a position in his department. I would appreciate any assistance that you might be able to lend me. Also any advice or suggestions.

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July 26th, 1934

Dear Friend,

I don't believe anything ever gave me the satisfaction that the news of your capture of Dillinger gave me. I know that you have tried so hard so many times before and something always went wrong; then the newspapers would always give you a blast. So I know of no one that deserved to succeed more than you. My only regret is that I could not have helped you in any way.

I would have paid you a visit upon my release but DeWayne and my wife thought it best to get right out of Chicago. I had wrote Senator Murphy asking him to help me find work but he is in Europe and will not be back in the U. S. A. for several weeks. Inasmuch as he promised to help me all he could I think that it is advisable for me to wait until he returns. However, if anything else shows up I will take it.

During the time I was in the County Jail I was bothered with my stomach, due largely to infected tonsils. My friend, Mr. George H. Joslyn, Jr., who I am staying with at the present, suggested that I go with him to the Army and Navy Hospital in Hot Springs. We are both eligible, but I think there is a minimum charge of \$1.35 a day. I was wondering if you could in any way be able to have me admitted without any charges. I know if one has any outside connections this can be done. I would not ask for any favors, but \$1.35 a day is a whole lot of money if you haven't any.

You remember that you told me to look you up and you would help me. Well this is the first request and chances are that there will be at least one more, but that depends whether the Senator finds some things forme to do. If I can ever be of any service to you, just let me know and I will break my neck trying to fill the bill.

Hoping that you can fix that Hot Springs proposition up, I will close for this time. Give my regards to Jack Keating, Mr. Newman and wishing you the best of luck, I remain

Your friend

J. A. Jones  
c/o G. H. Joslyn, Jr.  
Gould, Arkansas

Babe Jones

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TO THE SAGACITY AND BRAVERY OF  
MELVIN H. PURVIS AND HIS MEN  
THESE  
LINES ARE RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED

With a courage born, of desperation  
He held at Bay, an entire nation.  
With blazing guns he defied them all  
And often with his back, against the wall  
He shot his way out of every trap  
Rather than face the rap  
He placed his life in the lap of the Gods  
And with those cruel, blazing rods  
Went on his way, despite the odds:  
"Dillinger"

He burned his fingers, he dyed his hair  
He lived for weeks in a hidden lair  
So safe he thought, that none would know  
When he ventured forth to see a show  
And with him went, two Delilahs Gay  
One dressed in red, the other gray  
Who with their flattery his faith inspired  
And he didn't know they had been hired  
To land him in a Federal trap  
Which proves a gangster is but a sap.  
"Even" Dillinger

What were his thoughts as from day to day  
He traveled on his ruthless way  
Did he for one moment dream  
That he could win with his mad scheme  
Predicated on "the law of hate that it is  
Better to destroy than to create  
No doubt there be those who will look  
With pity upon this vile crook  
And with maudling accents they will say  
That he was just a boy who'd gone astray  
And will forget those brave men that died  
That the law might be justified and to rid  
our land of this human "scourge"  
That he might no longer sate and gorge  
Upon those who tried at least  
To rid the world of this mad beast:  
"Dillinger"

God bless those men who on duty bound  
Snuffed out the life of that vile hound  
Who went about with salavering jaws

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And who set at naught his country's laws  
An orchid to you our gallant Purvis  
For rendering to all, such distinguished service  
And may you always be on the job  
Until you get the entire mob  
of Dillingers

Written by Rolla E. Brabham  
1410 Cherry Street  
Los Angeles, California

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THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY

of the United States

393 Seventh Ave., N.Y.

Charlotte, N. C.  
July 23, 1934

Dear Melvin:-

I just noticed by the morning's paper that you have succeeded in bringing to an end that arch fiend John Dillinger. Undoubtedly you will go down in history as a national hero, but more than that you have done a service for your country which you should be proud of. Needless to say that all your friends, including myself, are proud of the record that you have made in your present position, but this last accomplishment to my mind should at all times make you feel that you are a great benefactor to this country. I just want to add my name to the host of admirers that you have.

There is only one thing that naturally we are all solicitous about and that is your future welfare. Undoubtedly, when any man does his duty as you did he is bound to "rack up" some of the worst enemies possible. Needless to say, you will have to be careful.

I shall continue to watch your record and always feel proud of it.

Cordially and sincerely,

John Roddey

July 23rd, 1934

Dear Melvin:

Allow me to congratulate you on putting an end to the career of John Dillinger. I knew that if John Dillinger ever came in contact with you it was going to be too bad for Dillinger.

I always read with a great deal of satisfaction the accomplishments of our classmates at Carolina. I am not exaggerating when I tell you that South Carolina is indeed proud of you.

With kind personal regards, I am

Yours sincerely

William McG. Morrison, Master  
Charleston County  
Charleston, S. C.

Bill

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ZENITH RADIO CORPORATION  
3620 Iron Street  
Chicago

July 23, 1934

Friend Purvis:

Please accept my sincere congratulations on the excellent job you did last night. No one could possibly be more delighted than I am in your successful extermination of Dillinger. I have heard the criticisms right and left, as you have, and little did the average person who criticised realize the job you had on your hands. I think I did.

With all good wishes, believe me

Sincerely,

Gene McDonald

E. F. McDonald, Jr.

THE REPUBLICAN WATCHMAN

Monticello, Sullivan County, New York

July 27th, 1934

My dear Mr. Purvis:

I am curious. I wonder if you are related to our branch of the Purvis family? My mother was a Purvis; her great great grandfather was Samuel Purvis, who came to this country from England in the days when it required four months to cross the Atlantic. In mid-ocean he was born. On his tomb stone in the cemetery at Livingston Manor accounts the fact that he was born in mid-ocean.

All of the Rockland section was called Purvis and was so known for many years.

Why not write me a letter telling me something about your branch of the family tree?

Very truly yours,

A. M. Scriber

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July 23rd, 1934

Dear Melvin,

You know its just fine to bask in the sunshine of a brother's gradual climb to fame - to be climaxed with the capture of the most notorious criminal of all time. You are dealing with outlaws and we are receiving the plaudits of all in-laws, friends, relatives and just common folks!

Seriously, I know the notoriety and the publicity which accompanies such a task as extinguishing the light and fame of Dillinger must be very distasteful - but it's just what Johnnie Q. Public must give on such occasions. We are certainly proud that it was your lot to end the rat - since the press has seen fit to criticize your best efforts - even when you had no chance to get him months ago.

Get J. Edgar to give you a spell off and come down - Baby Face Nelson - Van Meter, et al, can wait.

Love from us all,

Bill

Dr. William Lee Davidson  
168 York Street  
Columbia, South Carolina

Undated

Dear Melvin,

By the way - you haven't had your face lifted, have you?

Congratulations! Now I can brag about knowing a celebrity.

Must have taken yeahs and yeahs of South Carolina Cohn to put all that courage in you. Pretty swell!

When you're out from under all the hullabaloo, come over and spill the lowdown to your old partners in crime.

Handclaps and handclaps!

Sara Sherman

Dr. and Mrs. B. J. Sherman  
2000 Lincoln Parkway  
Chicago, Illinois

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July 25, 1934

Dear Melvin,

Guess I should say "Mr. Purvis" but that would sound strange, and I guess I should say Mr. Purvis since you've gone and made a great name for your sweet self.

It was a great thrill when I saw you in the paper being congratulated by U. S. Attorney General and read all the details of your great merit. Believe me I would love to shake the old paw myself and kiss you too.

You've really done some fast climbing and I am so proud for you Melvin, for you deserve all you are getting for the keen mind you possess and the big thing you've done.

You, of course, are surprised to hear from me but I could have never forgotten you even if I had never heard from you again for you made a great impression upon me as a fine fellow with much intelligence. May never see you again but would surely love to and would adore a message from you or are you too busy?

Congratulations and love

820 N. Alamo Street  
San Antonio, Texas

Winifred Hudson

RAIN & RAIN  
Law Offices  
Fairbury, Nebr.

Undated

Dear Sir:

Allow me to extend my congratulations for your successful conclusion of the Dillinger case.

Yours truly,

Frank M. Rain

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R. A. BROWN & COMPANY, Inc.

Birmingham, Alabama

July 24th, 1934

Dear Mr. Purvis:-

I was raised near Florence, South Carolina, and note from the papers that you are from Timmville, so I wanted to write to you to congratulate you on the "end of Dillinger."

I am proud of you, a graduate of the U of S.C., my College, and wish for you even greater success in the future.

Yours sincerely,

R. A. Brown

July 26th, 1934

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My dear Purvis:

I am writing this letter with my own hands without the aid or advice from any one, because I note in the papers by your leadership and ingenuity Dillinger was brought to the end of his notorious career. I feel that a plague is stayed and many more lives are secured from the blight and horror caused by the nefarious activity of the man whose life was brought to its end last Sunday night the 22nd inst. by your contrivance and strategy (John Dillinger) I regard him to be the arch criminal of his day; or one of them.

I am writing to you for the following reasons. When Col. Linburgh child was kidnaped I wrote to him and told him if he would send for me or come and get me I would be sure to find his child and restore him to he and wife alive, if not a colored man would find the child and that the child would not be alive when found because there was too much ado and publicity about for the child to be found alive, and it was as I told him.

And there are many other cases of public notoriety I have been the means of things working out alright. Last Friday night Walter Miner were talking about Dilinger, I told him that he would be killed before Monday night the 23rd inst. and he was killed Sunday night the 22nd inst.

I have a very peculiar way of doing my work, I never like to be known in any case; if so, my work is not so very effective. I

always stay in the back-ground; find the man, inform the Authorities of his where about and let them get him; I very seldom arrest any one for the best reason to my success in doing the work. Some one must be unknown maneuvering and it seems to be my work.

I will be pleased to work with you if you think you need me for you have two more men to catch or capture of the same gang of Dillinger; one of them may have to be killed the other one will give up without very much trouble. Now, I think it best to inform you that I am a muttor, I some time pass for a foreigner when ever it is necessary to do some things. If you are not prejudice to race and color and need me I really can help you to do what want to do in they way of capturing criminals. If you want service regardless to color, I can help you.

If you want me to come to you for the help I can give you, send me a ticket and \$25.00 so if we cannot agree I can come back home. You can send the money to the U. S. Marshal, so I can get it from him and that will make me responsible for the money. If I am needed and I remain with you, we can arrange about the remuneration I am to receive after I get there, if you want me to come.

I am yours very truly,

Cor. Grove & Jackson Sts.  
Montgomery, Alabama

S. W. Batchlar

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Norman, Oklahoma  
July 24, 1934

Dear Mr. Purvis:

Please accept my commendations for performing the difficult piece of work that you and your agents did last Sunday night. In fact, I have been hearing your name mentioned as the "Hero of the Day" by a great number of University students here this summer. I think the general public is now beginning to see that the Bureau of Investigation is really the best protective agency that our country has.

The "Newly Weds" Doug and Ople, visited home the first week in July. I managed to get away from school and went to Fort

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We have a small local paper and it had your picture and you look to me like a well - "common guy" - I mean you look like you think not only of yourself. I hope my thoughts are not all psuedo.

I graduated from high school last year and have entered a beauty culture school. I intend some day to obtain a job in a large city and see some of the world. A few ambitions which I hope are never discarded.

Now, I'm sitting here and writing to you and I want you to please take a few minutes and answer this illiterate letter. Will you tell me personally this answer? Was the capture and killing of the notorious criminal the greatest thrill you have so far ever withheld?

I won't bore you with any more, but I really want you to answer. I realize you have a lot of letters to write but no one would be more grateful than I, if you will only answer.

I'm sending a few clippings and you can read what they say about you and yours way over here.

Most sincerely

146 Pine Street  
Orrville, Ohio

Mary P. Miller

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July 30, 1934

Dear Mr. Purvis:

I was in northern Michigan for a few days when the papers set forth your capture of Dillinger. Permit me to extend to you my congratulations. You have given the country a great service. I am sorry the newspapers are bothering you for the details of your plan. You are pursuing a good course in keeping silent.

The other day through Mr. Rosengren, a book man, I saw two copies of "The Black Chamber." I bought one - an ordinary edition. He has another copy, deluxe edition, of which comparatively few were issued. This edition as I understand escaped being recalled. The price is \$5.00. The ordinary one cost me \$3.00.

I suggested to Mr. Rosengren that he write you. If, however, you do not wish to buy the book from him I will send you my



copy which you may return. It is the most revealing book as to the code system of the world I have ever seen.

I hope to have the pleasure of meeting you before long.

Yours very truly,

Business Manager's Office  
Northwestern University  
Evanston, Illinois

William A. Dyche

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My dear Mr. Purvis:

I cannot refrain from expressing my profound appreciation of the service which you have rendered to law and good government by your courage and ability in putting an end to crime's most notorious exponent and an enemy of our civilization. Too often people are ungrateful, or at any rate fail to express their gratitude for such self-sacrificing services made by officers like you at the risk of their own lives. The consciousness of duty well performed is, of course, a reward, but I hope in your case there will be more than this.

Very truly yours,

Guston T. Fitzhugh

Twenty-first Floor Sterick Bldg.  
Memphis, Tennessee

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F. G. GIBSON

July 26, 1934

Dear Purvis:

Just a note to extend my heartiest congratulations on your recent success in the Dillinger case. Naturally I have followed your career with great interest and there is no one happier than I to read of the great work you have been doing. I think you deserve the greatest of praise for the splendid job you performed.

If you have time while in Washington this time, or at any other time, I should be very glad to see you and talk over old times. You may always reach me at the Department of State.

With very best wishes for your continued success, I am

Cordially yours,

Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

Edgar P. Allen

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July 23rd, 1934

Great work on Enemy #1! Congratulations!

Are you seeking any 7-shot "Beale" pistol? I have one seven holes. I also have a matchlock rifle - very long, with Blunderbuss tendency at end of barrel; needle still attached by string.

502 Drake Building  
Easton, Pennsylvania

B. L. Anthony

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July 23, 1934

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Dear Mr. Purvis:

Please don't think I'm bold for writing this as I am just a little town girl interested in the great masterpiece you have completed.

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STANDARD INSULATION COMPANY

East Rutherford, New Jersey

July 24th, 1934

Dear Melvin:

Yesterday I was greatly surprised and also glad to learn of your fine work.

Trust that you will accept my congratulations as coming from one of your former class mates back at the University of S.C. No doubt you do not recall me by name or otherwise. However, that does not matter. While there you may recall that I played a bit of football, did a bit of wrestling and boxing, incidentally chemistry too and am still in that.

Should you have time and not too many other such communications, would appreciate a line from you.

At any time you might be in New York I would be very glad indeed if you would try to see me. And will certainly attempt to make your visit both pleasant and enjoyable.

Yours for more and greater successes.

A. H. McKee  
Chemical Director

STATE OF INDIANA  
Department of State  
Indianapolis

July 25, 1934

My dear Mr. Purvis:-

While I cannot be the first, I hope I am not the last, to offer my congratulations on the complete destruction of Mr. John Dillinger.

I appreciate fully the obstacles that have been in your path and also fully appreciate the ability and persistence you displayed which resulted in the very successful outcome.

I have appreciated so much knowing you and hope and know that your present success is just a forerunner of a more permanent and a larger success which is due you.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Frank Mayr, Jr.

Secretary of State

July 25, 1934

Dear Mr. Purvis:

In reading the account of the courage with which you and your men tackled the problem of the capture of Dillinger, we feel that we are representative of the people of the whole nation when we write that we are grateful to you for such fortitude in the accomplishment of ridding the country of such a dangerous individual.

We common citizens, safe and snug in our homes (but not so safe when we knew Dillinger was still alive,) can only partly realize the courage it took to complete this job you have just finished. Each of your men as they waited those hours before the shooting, must have had at least the suggestion of a question in their minds - would they ever see another sunrise? - and we are happy to think that there were no casualties among the men who at last got Dillinger.

A small thing we can do to write our appreciation, but here it is.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Goodman

443 Lenox Avenue  
Detroit, Michigan

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Sterling, Illinois, July 24th, 1934

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU GOVERNOR FOR THE BIGGEST BEST JOB  
PULLED IN HISTORY MORE POWER TO YOU - Buck

BENDER, TRUMP & MCINTYRE  
Attorneys at Law  
Milwaukee

July 26th, 1934

My dear Mr. Purvis:-

Presumably you have been getting many congratulatory messages, but even so I want to send mine. The task was a hard one and you and your men are entitled to much credit. It bothered me considerably when people spoke critically of your Department's efforts in northern Wisconsin. Some people have a notion that every attempt must click 100 percent. Anyone familiar in the slightest degree with the difficulties that investigating agents have must appreciate how gratifying final success really is.

Sincerely yours,

Rodger M. Trump

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REISERT-KRUMENACKER, INC.  
190 Main Street  
Hempstead, N.Y.

Undated

Dear Melvin:-

I suppose after all these years you won't remember the name but when you go home again you will know who I am. I am surely glad to hear of your good fortune of being able to show the old courage of a native.

It took plenty of courage same as it took to race the old man's horses. I am from Lamar. Just a little note of encouragement.

Good luck to you. If ever in East give me a ring. Good luck.

Jesse Parnell

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Committee on Pensions  
Washington, D.C.

July 25, 1934

Dear Purvis:

I want to take this means of congratulating you on your fine work in catching Dillinger. We South Carolinians are all proud of you. I have been sick for three weeks and this is my first day at work.

Hope to see you at home real soon.

Sincerely

Mr. John MacMillan  
c/o Hon. A. H. Gasque  
Member of Congress  
Washington, D. C.

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July 24th, 1934

Dear Mr. Melvin Purvis, Jr.

You and the Federal Agents did a wonderful job by killing Dillinger. And I hope that you get his two pals.

My husband and I wish you luck.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Charles T. Davis

706 Otis Place, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

JAMES C. RUSSELL  
Blackhawk Post 107  
American Legion

July 24, 1934

My dear Mr. Purvis:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a resolution passed by the members of the James C. Russell Blackhawk Post 107 of the American Legion at their regular meeting.

It is the desire of the members of this Post that you be appraised of their action.

Very truly yours,

George R. Shannon

Commander

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WHEREAS, the law enforcement agencies of this and other communities have been subject to much criticism because of the escapes of a certain desperado known as Public Enemy Number 1, and

WHEREAS, this criticism rose to such heights that censure was directed against agents of the Department of Justice who were also engaged in this hunt, and

WHEREAS, the pursuit of this desperado was unrelentless and no effort was spared in tracking down this criminal, and

WHEREAS, Melvin H. Purvis, head of the Department of Justice of this area, was the leader in this man hunt without fear and no thought of reward but to do his sworn duty, and

WHEREAS, under the able leadership of Melvin H. Purvis this criminal was brought to justice,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the James C. Russell Blackhawk Post 107 that Melvin H. Purvis and all officers under his command be appraised of the fact that this Post of the American Legion in behalf of its members desires to congratulate those law enforcement officers for their devotion to duty in the face of peril



and criticism, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded through channels to the Department Convention of the Department of Illinois American Legion for their action, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the superior officer of Melvin H. Purvis.

George R. Shannon  
COMMANDER

John J. Flynn  
ADJUTANT

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Chicago, Illinois, July 23rd -

YOUR SPLENDID VICTORY MUST BE A GREAT SATISFACTION TO YOU  
SINCEREST CONGRATULATIONS - Western Union Telegraph Company,  
Bankers Building Branch, J. J. Casselberry.

Chester, S. C., July 23rd -

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NERVE COOLNESS TENACITY ABILITY  
LEADERSHIP AND SUCCESS - David A. Gaston

Pittsburgh, Pa., July 23rd -

CONGRATULATIONS I HOPE IT WAS YOU WHO GOT HIM - J. J. Waters

New Orleans, Louisiana, July 22nd -

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR CAPTURE OF DILLINGER - David W. Magee

Washington, D. C., July 23rd -

PAYING DUE RESPECTS TO MY FRIEND JOHN DILLINGER - John Little

Shreveport, La., July 23rd -

CONGRATULATIONS CHIEF AND BEST WISHES - Rhea Whitley

Springfield, Illinois, July 24th -

PLEASE ACCEPT OUR HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS EVERY ONE CONNECTED WITH THIS BUREAU IS REJOICING WITH YOU OVER THE CAPTURE AND KILLING OF JOHN DILLINGER WE SEE A WELL PLANNED PERFECTLY EXECUTED JOB YOU AND YOUR ASSISTANTS DESERVE COMMENDATION FROM THE ENTIRE COUNTRY - T. P. Sullivan, Supt., Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation

Los Angeles, California, July 23rd

CONGRATULATIONS I TOLD YOU THAT YOU WOULD WIND UP GETTING THE GLORY STOP PLEASE BE KIND TO ROBIN CURLY HARRIS OF NEW YORK DAILY NEWS NOW IN CHICAGO AT SHERMAN HOUSE PLEASE GIVE HIM A BREAK FOR ME MY FONDEST REGARDS TO JIM WATERS AND YOURSELF SINCERELY - Walter Winchell, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles

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July 29th, 1934

Dear Mr. Purvis:

No doubt since you have risen to such heights, by your wonderful work in the Dillinger case, you have been besieged by fan mail, etc., and in the beginning, may I say, this is not a fan letter but a business letter, and I hope you will treat it, as it is intended, as a communication from one good "Carolinian" to another.

I am a former resident of S. C. having been born in Georgia, later moved to S. C., about 3 years ago, while living at Ridgeway, (Fairfield Co.) had the misfortune of losing my 14 yr. old son, by accidental drowning, I then moved to N. C.

Now here's what I'm writing you for Mr. Purvis, briefly: I have always cherished a desire to serve my Government in the capacity that you are and I wonder if you could give me any information as to how I might go about making application. Is this position filled through Civil Service examination; if so, can you give me any information as to when and where I can stand same, or perhaps in your position you might have some influence that would help me out; if so, I assure you I will make you a man that you will be proud of. I am assuming that I am within the age limit - (I'm 40 this year.) However, am in good health and active.

I have a tubercular wife and child and really need a permanent position, where I can give them the things necessary.

I am a competent office man, being at present located in Clerk of Superior Court's office here, on an FERA project. While serving as a Feed Salesman I use to work your home town (Timmons ville), I recall with pleasure.

Thanking you and assuring you that anything you might do or say in my behalf will be greatly appreciated, and wishing you much success in your future work, and sincerely hoping to be favored with a reply at your convenience, I am

Very truly yours,

William C. Newby

P. S. If you desire further information about myself - please advise.

R. F. D. #5 - Box 371  
Greensboro, N. C.

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Lansing, Michigan, July 23rd -

CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE MICHIGAN STATE POLICE ON THE APPREHENSION OF DILLINGER - Oscar G. Olander

Indianapolis, Indiana, July 23rd -

CONGRATULATIONS ON ACHIEVING YOUR MAJOR OBJECTIVE IN CAPTURE OF JOHN DILLINGER - Al Feeney, Director of Safety, State of Indiana

Des Moines, Iowa, July 23rd -

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND OTHER BOYS IN EXCELLENT WORK LAST NIGHT - Orville Dewey

Indianapolis, Indiana, July 23rd -

THE INDIANA BANKERS ASSOCIATION IS DEEPLY GRATEFUL AND EXTENDS MOST HEARTY COMMENDATION TO YOU AND YOUR DEPARTMENT IN ENDING THE CAREER OF JOHN DILLINGER PERIOD YOUR SUCCESS IS THE REWARD FOR THE PERSISTENT AND DILIGENT SURVEILLANCE WHICH HAS BEEN MAINTAINED BY YOUR OFFICE SINCE THIS ASSIGNMENT PERIOD WE ARE SURE YOU WILL MEET WITH CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ROUNDING UP THIS GANG - M. J. Kreisle, President; Don E. Warrick, Secretary

Cleveland, Ohio, July 23rd -

EARNEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NERVE JUDGMENT AND EFFICIENCY -  
Joseph B. Keenan

Wyandotte, Michigan, July 23rd -

CONGRATULATIONS - Rutledge, Commissioner of Police

South Bend, Indiana, July 23rd -

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND YOUR DEPARTMENT IN RIDDING THE NATION OF JOHN DILLINGER SENDING OFFICERS MCCORMACK AND HANSEN WITH BANKERS TO IDENTIFY DILLINGER ON MERCHANTS BANK ROBBERY AND MURDER OFFICER WAGNER - H. M. Hamilton, Chief of Police

Joliet, Illinois, July 23rd -

DEAR MEL CONGRATULATIONS I KNEW YOU WOULD GET YOUR MAN NOW LET ALL THE KNOCKERS DO THEIR KNOCKING - L. M. Rubens, Commissioner of Police

Columbus, Ohio, July 23rd -

FINE WORK STOP I KNEW YOU COULD DO IT - Hugh K. Martin

Ft. Wayne, Indiana, July 23rd -

GOOD WORK CONGRATULATIONS WE ARE FOR YOU AND YOURS - Joseph P. Brennan, Chief; Peter Junk, Captain of Detectives

Evanston, Illinois, July 23rd

CONGRATULATIONS I KNEW YOU WOULD SUCCEED LET THE CRITICS HOWL  
NOW - Bill Freeman, Chief of Police

Chicago, Illinois, July 23rd -

PLEASE ACCEPT MY PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS ON THE FINE JOB YOU  
DID LAST NIGHT IN DILLINGER CASE HERALD EXAMINER WILL SAY WHAT  
IT THINKS OF YOU IN BIG EDITORIAL TOMORROW MORNING IF YOU AGREE  
WOULD LIKE TO MENTION NAME OF EVERY MAN YOU HAD IN GANG IN  
CONGRATULATORY WAY PLEASE SUPPLY MR GEORGE DEWITT IN MY OFFICE  
COMPLETE LIST OF MEN IMMEDIATELY SO THERE WILL BE NO MISSPELLING  
OF NAMES BEST WISHES - Victor Watson, Herald and Examiner

Winston Salem, N. C., July 23rd -

CONGRATULATIONS - Transou Scott, Sheriff, Forsyth County; J. Earle  
McMichael, Asst. Solicitor

Chicago, Illinois, July 23rd -

MY HEARTMOST SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS STOP KINDEST PERSONAL REGARDS -  
Leonard Johnson, 1248 Midland Building, Chicago

Florence, S. C., July 23rd -

CONGRATULATIONS WE KNEW YOU COULD DO IT - Little Jim Johnson

Roanoke, Virginia, July 23rd,-

CONGRATULATIONS FINE WORK MY ONLY REGRET IS THAT I WAS NOT WITH  
YOU - A. H. McLawhon

New York, New York, July 23rd -

SALUTATION AND CONGRATULATIONS - Edgar Sisson

Birmingham, Alabama, July 23rd

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR GOOD WORK STOP GOOD LUCK - Oliver Perkins

Indianapolis, Indiana, July 23rd -

CONGRATULATIONS FRIEND UPON YOUR FINE WORK YOU DESERVE THE THANKS  
OF THE NATION - Philip Lutz, Jr., Attorney General

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Clinton, Indiana  
July 24th, 1934

Dear Mr. Purvis:

Please accept my congratulations. It was a nice job and well done.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Everett A. Davisson  
Attorney-at-Law

\* \* \* \*

July 24th, 1934

Hello Hot Shot:

Think you are pretty good, dontcha? I couldn't forget about you  
if I tried, with your name and pictures plastered all over the  
papers.

Guess there has been no end to letters from those "who knew you  
when." Even I am a little "chesty."

Better arrange to stop by Virginia Beach when you start vacationing.  
The papers say you aren't so well. Might help you.

How does it feel being the "hero of the hour?" Don't let it go to  
your head, but you won't I feel sure -

Ruth

Miss R. E. Dickens  
Enfield, North Carolina

TOLLES, HOGSETT & GINN  
1759 Union Trust Bldg.  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 1st, 1934

My dear Purvis:

I have read with interest of your excellent work in the Dillinger case and want to add my congratulations. Also, I hope that the Department will recognize this in a fitting manner.

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

Sincerely,

Thomas O. Nevison

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Darlington, S. C.  
July 29th, 1934

Dear Mr. Purvis:

I cannot refrain from extending you and your department congratulations on the justice given Dillinger. If there were more of this sort of justice we would have less crime. Best wishes for the speedy eradication of the entire gang.

If, during your well-earned vacation, you care for a little fishing I extend to you and your friends, without any publicity, the use of club house I own on Little Pee Dee and facilities for salt water fishing at Murrells Inlet and Georgetown. I have nothing pretentious to offer, but the fishing is pretty good if you would enjoy something "rustic style."

We are proud of what you have done and wish you many years of success in your good work.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Law

UNITED STATES SENATE  
Committee on  
Agriculture and Forestry

Florence, S. C.

July 31st, 1934

My dear Melvin:

Of course there is very little that can be added to the glory you have already received but I do want you to know that the Senator and all of us are very, very proud of you. Don't you remember I told you over the telephone the other day that you would get him.

Please come to see us when you come to South Carolina.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Bunt Lawton

Alfred Lawton, Secretary



July 27, 1934

Dear Melvin:

You can bet your boots that I have been happy to know that you have so creditably closed one of your major assignments. I can appreciate that it was a particularly difficult one in many ways and strewn with heartbreaking experiences. I started to write you a letter some weeks ago, when you were no doubt feeling pretty blue. It is at such times when a friendly pat on the shoulder counts, isn't it? I want to follow through with these few lines at this time to extend my congratulations and that goes for the rest of the fellows too. No doubt several of the agents I used to work with have been with you and I sure would like to see them again.

It has been a long time since I saw you. Since I left the service in 1928 I went to El Paso for hospitalization for a while and have ever since been trying to climb out of a quiescent state of disability. I never realized it could take so long. But since then I have gained considerable poundage. Am up to 175 pounds now - some difference from the time when we were together in the Dallas office.

I am starting back on a definite line of work again, doing a little law work here with my brother, who has a very nice practice.

I haven't been in Chicago since my assignment there in 1925, but that gave me a bit of insight into your surroundings, and I can be with you in my thoughts ever and anon.

With all best wishes for your continued success and kindest regards to all my former buddies in the D.J.

Sincerely yours,

Carl M. Holmgren

New Hampshire Savings Bank Bldg.,  
Concord, New Hampshire

McMENEMY, INCORPORATED

LaSalle-Wacker Building

CHICAGO

July 24, 1934

Dear Melvin:-

Want to drop you a line in congratulation on your excellent work in connection with the capture of the notorious Dillinger. I was especially gratified that you were in on the "kill" after your disappointment in Wisconsin a few weeks back.

Now that time is easy on your hands wish that you and Bill would join me in cocktails one afternoon soon.

Very sincerely yours

Dick Walrath

UNION BANK & TRUST COMPANY

Cedar Falls, Iowa

July 23rd, 1934

Dear Mr. Purvis:

We cannot refrain from joining the hundreds of others who are now deluging your office with congratulations on the outstanding achievement of yourself and your men within the past forty-eight hours in bringing to a successful conclusion the Dillinger case.

We bankers have been on the hot seat during the time this fellow has been at large, not because he robbed our banks alone but because he killed our good peace officers and our customers and friends. It is a wonderful feeling to have this additional evidence of the fact that "the long arm of the law reaches everywhere" and that sooner or later the "Feds" get their men.

My associates join me in expressing our appreciation to you and your men for this brilliant accomplishment.

Sincerely yours,

V. W. Johnson

Vice President and Cashier

THE CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION

38 S. Dearborn Street

CHICAGO

July 23rd, 1934

My dear Mr. Purvis:

Perhaps you will recall that when you spoke at the Bar Association I remarked to you that I expected to wake up some morning to see headlines in the paper "Dillinger Shot Dead." You said at that time that it would be a very happy day in your life if my expectation proved true.

I take this occasion to congratulate you upon the splendid work that you have done in pursuing this notorious desperado and in putting an end to his career. In these days when there has been so much crime and a statement is made that justice has broken down, it is good to know that the United States agents are on the job and accomplish what they undertake.

Yours very truly,

Henry A. Gardner

President

July 23, 1934

Dear Mr. Purvis:

I want to thank you both personally and as a citizen for the ingenuity, generalship, patience and courage, both physical and moral, which you have shown in leading the way to ridding America of public enemies who made life terrifying for peace abiding and innocent citizens.

All the great backing of the mighty Federal Government is but a tool to be used in the hands of a strong man. Without such a strong man even the Government is impotent; therefore, with all due regard for the fact that you had behind you all the Federal power, I still feel the achievement is largely yours personally. Both the service to which you belong and the citizens whom it protects may well be and are proud of you.

Sincerely,

Albert D. Lasker

919 N. Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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Birmingham, Alabama, July 23rd -

CONGRATULATIONS ON WIPING OUT JOHN DILLINGER STOP THOSE WHO  
KNOW YOU HERE POINT WITH PRIDE TO YOUR SPLENDID RECORD IN  
CHICAGO STOP KEEP THE GOOD WORK UP - Burgin Hawkins, Sheriff

JAN 13 1984

July 25th, 1934

Dear Melvin,

Just a note of congratulations to you for your fine piece of work. It should, and I hope will, mean a lot to your advancement - which you have already realized for above the average.

This note does not require an acknowledgment but should you pass through my town when you come South I hope you'll have time to renew an old acquaintance.

With best wishes, and hoping that you'll attain even greater success, I am

Most sincerely,

John C. Muse

Masonic Building  
Sanford, N. C.

Boston, Massachusetts

July 23rd, 1934

Dear Mr. Purvis:

Hearty congratulations to you and your men on the successful outcome of your search for Dillinger.

You all deserve the thanks of the Nation. Let us hope that when you find any such desperadoes, you kill them on sight.

It seems silly to capture them alive; try and convict and sentence them to prison, only to have them escape, as has been the case so often.

For God's sake shoot them down like wild animals and before they shoot an officer or anybody else.

Wishing you continued success,

H. D. Tromm

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August 21, 1934.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

I was very much surprised to ascertain upon inquiry that you had not submitted your leave slips prior to your departure from Chicago on annual leave. Nor had you furnished the Division with your temporary address where you could be located in case of emergency. The rules promulgated with regard to these instructions must of necessity be obvious to you and you can very readily see that if you had complied with the instructions in this regard I could have communicated with you without any difficulty. It would have been very little trouble to furnish the Division with the leave slips, and particularly your temporary address while absent from official duties.

I would be pleased to receive any explanation that you might care to offer as to why you did not comply with instructions in this respect.

Very truly yours,

*John Edgar Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director

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- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Baughman.....
- Chief Clerk.....
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August 21, 1934.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

It is with pleasure that I am inclosing  
herewith the letter of the Acting Attorney  
General, advising you of your promotion from  
\$5600 per annum to \$5800 per annum, in Grade  
Gaf-13, effective August 16, 1934.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Incl.

cc - Mr. Tolson

- Mr. Nathan.....
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August 14, 1934.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
Department of Justice.

Dear Sir:

Your salary as a Special Agent, Division of Investigation, is hereby increased from \$5600 per annum to \$5800 per annum in Grade Caf-13, effective August 16, 1934, and payable from the appropriation for "Salaries and Expenses, Division of Investigation," FIELD.

Respectfully,

(Signed) William Stanley

Acting Attorney General.

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1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois  
August 23, 1934

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

I received your letter of August 21, 1934, relative to my not submitting leave slips prior to my departure from Chicago on annual leave.

I did not depart from Chicago, and I have no sufficient explanation to offer for my failure to submit these slips. I regret that this matter was overlooked by me.

Very truly yours,

*[Handwritten signature: M. H. Purvis]*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Bankers Bldg  
Chicago, Illinois  
August 23, 1934

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

I have received your kind letter of August 21, 1934, advising me of my promotion from \$5600.00 to \$5800.00 per annum, in grade CAF13, effective August 16, 1934.

I want to thank you sincerely for this, and to state that I shall do my very best to deserve it.

Sincerely yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

MHP/dr

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Room 318 8/27 1934.

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To:  Director  
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Clyde Tolson.

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Cleveland, Ohio					
900,429	1932	10.3	3.2	3.8	230
	1933	11.3	4.6	3.3	179
Columbus, Ohio					
290,564	1932	7.6	1.4	1.4	146
	1933	11.4	3.4	1.0	166
Dallas, Texas					
260,475	1932	21.5	15.4	2.7	109
	1933	20.0	16.1	6.9	90
Dayton, Ohio					
200,982	1932	9.0	4.5	3.5	85
	1933	8.0	3.5	6.5	77
Denver, Colo.					
287,861	1932	7.3	0.7	5.2	222
	1933	4.9	2.4	5.6	197
Des Moines, Iowa					
142,559	1932	not reported.			
	1933	3.5	.7	2.8	8
Detroit, Mich.					
1,568,662	1932	6.1	2.6	14.2	118
	1933	5.0	3.1	16.6	118
Duluth, Minn.					
101,463	1932	1.0	2.0	1.0	4
	1933	2.0	2.0	2.0	2
Elizabeth, N. J.					
114,589	1932	4.4	16.6	6.1	4
	1933	2.6	14.8	2.6	3
El Paso, Texas					
102,421	1932	8.8	4.9	2.9	7
	1933	5.9	6.8	12.7	8
Erie, Pa.					
115,967	1932	2.6	1.7	2.6	8
	1933	0.9	0.9	0.9	6
Evansville, Ind.					
102,249	1932	7.8	1.0	10.8	4
	1933	3.9	0.0	23.5	6

August 25, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a disposition sheet submitted by your office under date of May 4, 1934 concerning the case of Herman Blenbogen, your file #29-239.

It is observed that under date of January 27, 1932 your office by letter requested the Division to post a wanted notice in its files against this individual. It does not appear that your office has since that time requested the Division to withdraw this wanted notice. Your attention is invited to Section 57 of the Manual of Rules and Regulations, wherein it is provided that when a field office has by letter requested a wanted notice to be posted, the said field office should by letter withdraw this wanted notice.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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September 4, 1934.

Mr. H. H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Confirming my oral instructions of the 31st ultimo and my teletypewriter instructions of the 1st instant, I desire that all firearms, guns, ammunition and other technical equipment of the Chicago Office be kept under lock and key in a cabinet at all times, and that this cabinet be kept in a room to be kept locked at all times. On my visit to your office on last Friday I was surprised to note that not only was the cabinet containing these items unlocked, but that the room in which the cabinet was located was unlocked, and at the time I visited the room, there was no one in the room. You informed me then that the room was unlocked only when the photographer was working in it, but during the time that I was in the room, the photographer was not in the room, so obviously the room is unlocked at times other than when the photographer or some other employee is working therein. I therefore instruct you to see that this room is kept locked at all times, and if the photographer or some other employee has work to perform in this room, the door is still to be kept locked while the employee is in the room working.

Of course, as soon as the storeroom is completed, the above equipment to which I refer is to be removed to the storeroom, but again I want to reiterate that the storeroom is not to be kept unlocked at any time. When an employee has occasion to enter and then leave the storeroom for a few moments, he is to lock the same, and not leave the door unlocked because of the fact that he expects to return in a few moments.

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I cannot emphasize too strongly my insistence that the proper precaution be taken by you in the proper safeguarding of this equipment in order to avoid any theft thereof or seizure thereof by elements of the underworld.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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EPH:JRF

September 7, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge, -  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

The monthly field report of your office for August, 1934, indicates that Special Agents (A) Schultz, Jushow, Daley and Baldwin were engaged on Agent's work for 31 days, 15 days, 7 days and 2 days, respectively. It does not appear that the Division granted authority for the use of these Accountants on Agent's work, and I, therefore, desire an explanation submitted, in regard thereto.

Your field report also shows that the accounting work in your district is becoming quite congested, and that various cases are awaiting an accounting investigation. Special Agents (A) Caldwell and Crowl are listed as having been assigned during the entire month to the Trustees System Service Corporation, Mail Fraud case. If that is true, it is suggested that one or more of the newer accountants might have been used to assist on the case.

I would like to be fully informed as to the accounting situation in your district, and I want this information submitted to the Division immediately. Your reply should give the present assignments of all Special Agents (A) in your district, together with an estimate as to how long they will be engaged thereon.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT

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FORWARD IMMEDIATELY VOCATION SHEETS REQUESTED DIVISION LETTER  
AUGUST TWENTYFOUR

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APPROVED FOR TRANSMISSION:

Sent 4:30 by Riel

September 13, 1934.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I want to again call to your attention in connection with the examining and interviewing of applicants the necessity for you to personally receive the test papers used by an applicant at the completion of the examination together with the questions submitted by the applicant.

In one instance recently, an accounting re-examination was not turned in to the interviewing officer and as a result it has been necessary to prepare another re-examination for use in examining Special Agent (A) applicants who take a second test. Furthermore, in receiving papers concerning test questions from an applicant, you should check the material returned to see that all of the questions are intact. Under no circumstances should an Agent or clerical employee be utilized in connection with the actual tests afforded to applicants or the receipt of the tests from them.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
**Bureau of Investigation**

1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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September 12, 1934.

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

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of September 7, 1934, in which you request explanations be submitted concerning the assignment of Special Agents (A) Schulz, Juskow, Daley and Baldwin agents' work during the month of August, and the accounting situation in the Chicago Office district, as well as suggest that a newer accountant might have been used on the Trustees System Service Corporation, Mail Fraud case, in the place of Special Agent (A) Caldwell or Special Agent (A) Crowl.

Please be advised that Special Agent (A) Baldwin, due to circumstances of an emergency nature, was engaged in guard duty of persons being held for questioning in the Chicago Division Office in connection with the John Dillinger case for two days. Special Agent (A) Daley was also so engaged for two days and was engaged on applicant and other urgent investigations for five days only until he could be placed with an experienced accountant as requested in your letter dated August 15, 1934, which was received at this office subsequent to the arrival of Agent Daley. Agent Juskow had begun numerous investigations, which were urgent, since such cases were coming on for trial during the September term of the United States District Court, prior to the time he was to start on accounting work, and the nature of the same made it imperative that such partially completed investigations be concluded. Agent Schulz was assigned to the investigation of a bankruptcy matter which needed immediate attention due to the fact that the statute of limitations had almost expired. After a preliminary investigation it developed that work of an accounting nature was necessary, in that books and records had to be examined, and consequently Agent Schulz was continued on this case. His investigation in such bankruptcy case has been completed and he is presently engaged upon an investigation in connection with the Insull case.

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With regard to Special Agents (A) Caldwell and Crowl having been assigned, during the entire month of August, to the Trustees System Service Corporation, Mail Fraud case, please be advised that Special Agent (A) Crowl was on duty in this office only  $12\frac{1}{2}$  days during the month of August. At present he is working on the investigation of the above mentioned case and it is estimated that it will require two men approximately sixty days to complete the same. Special Agent (A) Daley has been assigned to assist on this case and will remain on the same until the investigation has been completed.

Since the first of this month Special Agent (A) Caldwell has been assigned to the Insull case and will probably remain on this case until the close of the trial, which commences on October 2nd, 1934. Other Special Agents (A) assigned to the Insull case are the following:

C. A. Herring \*

W. S. Murphy \*

R. P. Baldwin \*

S. C. Simon \*

R. A. Knittle \*

A. E. Sweeney \*

G. S. Goshorn

M. L. Small

C. S. Bellino

L. L. Juskow

J. R. Schulz

Agents indicated by an asterisk will testify during the Insull trial and will be assigned to this case until the close of the trial. No definite estimate can be given for these Special Agents (A) as it is practically impossible to estimate the time required to try the Insull case. A conservative estimate will be approximately three months. The other agents listed above will assist on the Insull case up until the date of the trial, at which time it is expected they will be released by the United States Attorney and then will be available for other assignments.

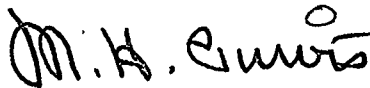
Special Agent (A) S. C. Bennetts is at present assigned to the case entitled Frank Walter Barron, First National Bank, Niles, Michigan. It is estimated that it will require approximately two days to complete this investigation. He was assisted on this investigation by Special Agent (A) Daley up to and including September 11, 1934.

Special Agent (A) A. H. Johnson is at present assisting Assistant United States Attorney J. C. Leaton in the preparation for trial of the case entitled A. C. Thompson, et al, Continental Mortgage Bond Company, Mail Fraud. It is estimated that the trial of this case, which is set for September 19, 1934, will require approximately three weeks to complete.

Special Agent (A) J. E. Nugent is engaged in the examination of the office of the Clerk of the United States District Court, South Bend, Indiana. It will probably require at least two months to complete the examination of the Clerk's office.

At present there are ten unassigned accounting cases in this district, eight bank cases, one mail fraud case, and one bankruptcy case. Attached hereto is a memorandum giving a short synopsis of each case and also the estimated time to complete it. The total time estimated to complete the unassigned accounting cases is placed at 163 days.

Very truly yours,



M. H. PURVIS,

Special Agent in Charge.

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Unassigned Accounting Cases

Chicago District

September 11, 1934.

<u>File No.</u>		<u>Estimated time to complete</u>
29-524	First National Bank of West Allis, Wisconsin, National Bank Act. Transactions involve possible mis- application of funds and false entries.	10 Days
29-538	Leonard Gronning, Clerk, First National Bank of Chicago, National Bank Act. Irregularities consist of one embezzle- ment which is admitted by subject in signed statement.	2 Days
29-539	Harry J. Scroggin, Teller, First National Bank of Chicago. Irregularities consist of misapplica- tion and embezzlements amounting to approximately \$1,000.00. Signed state- ment made by subject.	5 Days
29-543 ) 29-544 )	Robert Perrone, Savings Receiver, Edward Sagert, Savings Payer, The Liberty Bank of Chicago, Chicago, Ill. Federal Reserve Act. Each subject has shortage of \$500.00. No other details given. From informa- tion submitted it is assumed that irregularities consist of embezzlements over a period. (Note: These cases will be consolidated and worked as one case.)	10 Days
29-546	Halsted Exchange National Bank. Shortage of \$1,494.00. Lie detector has been used but responsibility for shortage has not been fixed. Will prob- ably involve considerable detail work.	10 Days



29-548 Oscar Nelson, President,  
State Bank of Geneva, Illinois,  
Federal Reserve Act.  
Transactions involve possible mis-  
application of funds in connection  
with loans made by subject, and possibly  
abstraction of collateral. 8 Days

29-550 Edward J. Kubes, Bookkeeper,  
Halsted Exchange National Bank of Chicago,  
National Bank Act.  
Irregularities consist of misapplication  
of funds on the part of subject who was  
apparently aided and abetted by a customer  
of the bank.  
(Note: This case to be worked with 29-546.  
It is possible that the combined  
estimate of 18 days can be reduced  
3 or 4 days.) 8 Days

36-113 J. L. Marks & Company,  
Mail Fraud.  
Above company was operating a cumulative  
investment plan. Orders were taken from  
customers for listed securities, confirma-  
tions were mailed showing purchase of stocks  
requested but company did not purchase stock.  
Instead the company was "operating a bucket  
shop" and was purchasing the stocks only  
when necessary. It also resorted to switch-  
ing customers who had purchased and paid for  
listed securities into stocks of little or  
no value. 50 Days

49-1028 Bankruptcy Ring  
This is a general investigation arising  
from the irregularities of Elwin H. Johnson  
bankruptcy case. Audits were requested  
by the two referees which affords a good  
opportunity to investigate so called bank-  
ruptcy ring in Chicago. It is estimated  
that it will require two men 60 days to  
complete. 60 Days

TOTAL:

163 Days

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September 12, 1934

*Purvis*

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I desire to direct your attention to my letter of July 14, 1934, advising you of the difficulty I have experienced in endeavoring to communicate with the various field offices through the medium of the unlisted telephones.

Recently it was necessary for me to endeavor to communicate with your office, and at which time I used the unlisted telephone. However, I was informed that this line was busy. In order that there will be no misunderstanding in the future, I wish to state that the unlisted telephone located in your office should not be used for any other purpose than communications between Washington and the field office, or vice versa.

I do not believe that this is a question of not having sufficient telephones located in your office, but merely a question of using these unlisted telephones for routine purposes. If such is the case, the same should be stopped immediately and I hope that it will not be necessary to again call this matter to your attention.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Baughman .....
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- Mr. Schilder .....
- Mr. Tamm .....

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
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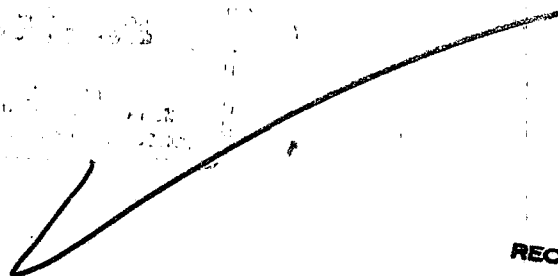
Dear Mr. Purvis:

In the telephone conversations with you at Chicago from Washington, I have had considerable difficulty in distinctly understanding you. I do not know whether it is due to any technical difficulty with your telephone, or whether it is due to the fact that you do not speak loudly enough to be heard. I have had the phone checked here, and found that our phone is technically satisfactory. I would suggest that you have your phone checked because this condition has existed over a rather long period. It might also be desirable for you to speak in a little louder tone of voice in your conversations over the long distance.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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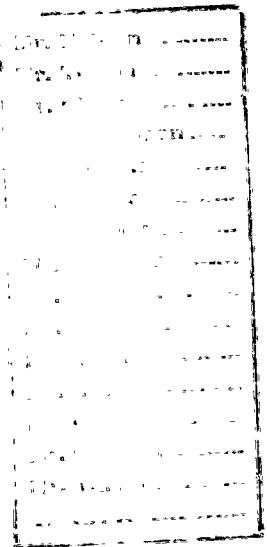
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois  
September 17, 1934



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

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

I have received your letter of September 13, 1934,  
relative to your difficulty in distinctly understand-  
ing me in telephone conversations.

In accordance with your suggestion, I am having the  
telephones checked to determine if there is anything  
wrong here. I recall two occasions when Mrs. Kelly  
or Miss Gandy have requested me to talk louder, and  
I have done so. I will endeavor to see what the  
difficulty is and to correct it at once.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O.#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with  
aliases, I.O. #1219, ET AL;  
EDWARD GEROGE BREMER, Victim - Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, dated at Chicago, Illinois, May 24, 1934, reflecting the results of an investigation predicated upon a letter from the Los Angeles Office addressed to the St. Paul Office, dated May 5, 1934. It does not appear that a copy of the report of Special Agent Brown was furnished the Los Angeles Office, although the report is of considerable interest to that office in that it shows that the information furnished by Mel Vosburg, a step-cousin of the Barker brothers, proved to be authentic and has led to considerable information concerning past residences in Chicago of Kate Barker, Fred and Arthur R. Barker, Alvin Karpis, and Delores Delaney at the Orlando Hotel and the Yates Apartment. The report of Special Agent J. R. Welles, dated Chicago, Illinois, June 22, 1934, a copy of which was furnished the Los Angeles Office, continued the investigation further but no report has been since submitted by the Chicago Office to show that this angle of the investigation was being continued.

It is suggested that Charles Grosscurth be vigorously questioned concerning his knowledge of the Barker-Karpis gang, especially his dealings with Alvin Karpis and Fred Goetz.

Under date of July 20, 1934, the Division addressed a letter to the Los Angeles Office suggesting a further interview with Mel Vosburg. The results of the interview are set forth in the letter of the Los Angeles Office to the St. Paul Office dated August 14, 1934, a copy of which was furnished the Chicago and Oklahoma City Offices, wherein it is noted that Kate Barker is said to have three sisters. Other relatives are mentioned. There is some indication in the file that two of the sisters reside in Chicago, Illinois.

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In spite of Division letters addressed to the Oklahoma City Office dated June 14th, July 17th and August 3rd, 1934, and Division letters addressed to the Los Angeles Office dated July 20th and August 16th, 1934, copies of all letters having been furnished to the St. Paul and Chicago Division Offices, full and complete information concerning relatives of Kate Barker has not yet been developed, nor does it appear that any attempt is being made to develop this information. It is noted that information with respect to the true identity of Kate Barker was first received by the Los Angeles Office on April 27, 1934. The Los Angeles, Oklahoma City, and Chicago Division Offices are instructed to give this matter thorough investigative attention without further delay. The Division should not be placed in the position of depending upon chance arrests by local police departments to bring about the location and apprehension of prominent subjects of its investigation.

The attention of the Chicago Office is again directed to the undeveloped leads set out in the report of Special Agent H. H. Reinecke dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, July 16, 1934, and the letter of the Kansas City Office addressed to the Division dated July 20, 1934. These leads are of considerable interest to this investigation and should receive prompt attention, especially the lead concerning the Ford V-8 Sedan reported to have been sold by Volney Davis to the Rimes Motors, Ind., East Chicago, Indiana. It is possible that this lead might develop the identity of the car now in the possession of Volney Davis which, of course, would be of material assistance in the investigation being conducted at Buffalo, New York, and Cleveland, Ohio.

All material leads in the above entitled case must be given special and preferred attention so that this investigation will not be drawn out indefinitely.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - St. Paul  
Los Angeles  
Oklahoma City  
Kansas City

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September 28, 1934.

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Mr. M. M. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

I have been advised by Mr. Tamm of the information recently reaching you that Chief Special Agent Plowman of the express company is antagonistic towards you. I desire that you immediately take this matter up and ascertain whether Mr. Plowman is, in fact, hostile to you and, if so, the reason or reasons for this hostility.

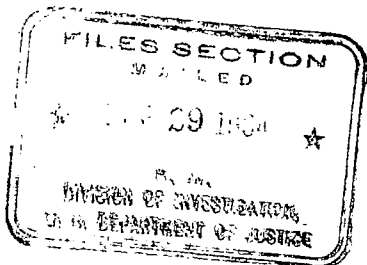
Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
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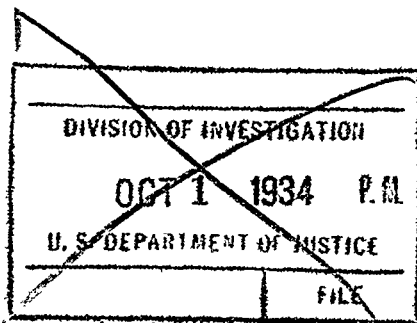
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Mr. Tamm

Mr. Hoover asks that you direct Mr. Purvis take up the matter as set forth in the attached memo, with Mr. Plowman, Ch. Spec. Agt. of the Express Co., and find out whether he really is hostile, what it is all about, etc.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Division of Investigation

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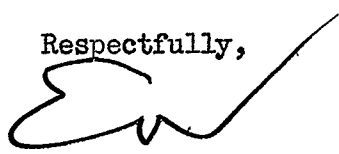
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- Mr. Lester .....
- Mr. Quinn .....
- Mr. Schilder .....
- Mr. Tamm  .....

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

While talking with Mr. Purvis on September 20, 1934, he advised me that Plowman, Chief Special Agent of the Express Company, had recently been reported to him, Purvis, as "hating him". Mr. Purvis stated that this information had come to him from a third party and that he had never heretofore had any reason to believe that Plowman was not entirely friendly and cooperative. Mr. Purvis thought that perhaps the third party, who advised him of Plowman's purported attitude, may have had some ulterior motive in trying to promote some hard feelings between Mr. Purvis and Mr. Plowman.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm.

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September 24, 1934

Mr. H. H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Mr. Purvis:

A situation has arisen which has given me considerable concern relative to interviewing and examining applicants for the position of Special Agent.

Recently two individuals were interviewed and examined by officials of this Division and in both cases a favorable recommendation was made and in due course were tendered appointments to the service. One of these individuals appeared at the Division prior to entering the training school and stated that he was interested in securing information with respect to the duties of the position of Special Agent and upon being fully informed declined to accept the appointment.

The other applicant that I have in mind accepted the appointment, completed his course in the training school and was assigned to one of the field offices. Upon his arrival at his first place of assignment he informed the Special Agent in Charge that in view of the fact that the work and functions of a Special Agent were not fully explained to him at the time of his interview he entered the service under a misapprehension and he, therefore, desired to tender his resignation immediately.

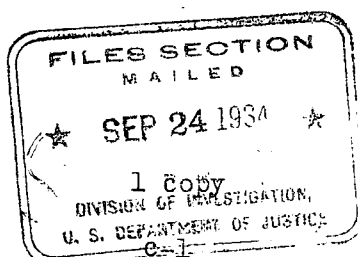
I have repeatedly instructed Division officials regarding the necessity of going into great detail at the time of the interview in order that each applicant will be fully and adequately informed as to the duties of a Special Agent in this service in order to give that applicant an opportunity to withdraw his application if he so desires at that time.

It is my opinion that if this procedure had been followed in the cases referred to both the applicant and the Division would have been benefited thereby.

In order that there will be no misunderstanding on the part of any appointee, I desire to emphasize the importance of each interviewing official explaining fully the duties performed by Special Agents of this Division.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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September 21, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

"PURVIS"

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 12, 1934, furnishing information as to the accounting situation in your office. In view of the numerous unassigned accounting cases in your District, I have ordered the transfer to your office of Special Agent (A) G. A. Paulson from St. Paul, Special Agent (A) E. E. Kuhnel from Little Rock, Special Agent (A) T. D. Oglesby from Nashville, and Special Agent (A) R. T. Hoan from Indianapolis. Agent Paulson has had considerable experience in the Division, but the other three employees will not have completed their three month period of general investigative training until September 25, 1934. After that date it is desired that they be placed on accounting work and it is expected that you will make every effort to have the work of the newer employees properly supervised by experienced Special Agents (A).

The Division should be promptly advised when you receive information as to whether any of the Special Agents (A) now engaged on the Insull case can be released.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

T. D. Quinn,  
Acting Assistant Director.

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER

*O Purvis*  
CHICAGO

October 2, 1934.

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT

CHICAGO

I WAS ASTOUNDED THIS MORNING WHEN IN COMMUNICATING WITH MR. COWLEY TO ASCERTAIN THE BASIS FOR THE STORY FROM CHICAGO CONCERNING WILLIAM B. DENNIS TO LEARN THAT THIS MAN HAD BEEN IN THE CHICAGO OFFICE A WEEK AGO AND TOLD THE STORY CONCERNING HAUPTMANN. IT APPARENTLY WAS GIVEN LITTLE OR NO ATTENTION BY YOUR OFFICE. I HAD INSISTED THAT THERE IS NO ONE IN THIS SERVICE SUFFICIENTLY WISE TO BE ABLE TO DISCARD AND DISCOUNT INFORMATION RECEIVED. WHILE DENNIS MAY NOT BE ENTIRELY RELIABLE IT IS THE DUTY OF EVERY EMPLOYEE OF THIS SERVICE TO RECEIVE AND TO CAREFULLY CHECK ANY INFORMATION IN ANY CASE PARTICULARLY THE LINDBERGH CASE. I AM INSTRUCTING MR. COWLEY TO TAKE PERSONAL CHARGE OF THIS MATTER SO THAT IT WILL BE GIVEN THE PROPER ATTENTION. PLEASE FORWARD TO ME A DETAILED EXPLANATION WHY THIS MATTER WAS NOT PROPERLY HANDLED IN THE FIRST INSTANCE.

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I WAS ASTOUNDED THIS MORNING WHEN IN COMMUNICATING WITH MR. COWLEY TO ASCERTAIN THE BASIS FOR THE STORY FROM CHICAGO CONC'DXXX CONCERNING WILLIAM B. DENNIS TO LEARN THAT THIS MAN HAD BEEN IN THE CHICAGO OFFICE A WEEK AGO AND TOLD THE STORY CONCERNING HAUPTMANN. IT APPARENTLY WAS GIVEN LITTLE OR NO ATTENTION BY YOUR OFFICE. I HAD INSISTED THAT THERE IS NO ONE IN THIS SERVICE SUFFICIENTLY WISE TO BE ABLE TO DISCARD AND DISCONXXX DISCOUNT INFORMATION RECEIVED. WHILE DENNIS MAY NOT BE ENTIRELY RELIABLE IT IS THE DUTY OF EVERY EMPLOYEE OF THIS SERVICE TO RECEIVE AND TO CARDXXX CAREFULLY CHCK ANY INFORMATION IN AY CASE XXX ANY CASE PARTICULARLY THE LINDBERGH CASE. IM I AM INSTRUCTING MR. COLWEXXX COWLEY TO TAKE PERSONAL CHARGE OF THIS MATTER SO THAT IT WILL BE GIVEN THE PROPER ATTENTION. PLEASE FORWARD TO ME A DETAILED EXPLANATION WHY THIS MATTER WAS NOT PROPERL Y HANDLED IN THE FIRST INSTANCE.

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1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois  
October 3, 1934

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

With regard to your letter of September 28, 1934, concerning information to the effect that Chief Special Agent Plowman of the American Express Company was antagonistic toward me, please be advised that I talked with Mr. Riggs, who is Chief Special Agent of the Railway Express Agency, who is a good friend of mine. Mr. Riggs informed me that Mr. Plowman died about sixty days ago.

I advised Mr. Riggs of the information, and he told me that he was probably as close a friend to Mr. Plowman, as anyone, and that he felt that Mr. Plowman would certainly have discussed this matter with him had he had any feeling of this type. Since Mr. Plowman is deceased, it of course, will be impossible to determine whether he was antagonistic, but it is my opinion that he was not, and that he was, on the contrary, quite friendly, as evidenced by our conversations at various times. Mr. Plowman always exhibited a cooperative spirit, and on occasions offered his assistance to this office in any manner within his power.

It is my belief that this story was circulated by someone of questionable mentality, for the purpose of creating ill feeling where none existed.

Sincerely, yours,

*M. H. Purvis*  
M. H. PURVIS, JAN 13 1934  
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

I have received your letter of October 8, 1934,  
in which you submit a suggestion with respect to possible  
improvement in the work and efficiency of this Division.

I am extremely grateful to you for this suggestion  
and I want to assure you that it will receive very careful  
attention at the Washington Headquarters of the Division.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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October 19, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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*PURVIS*

Please be informed that the Executive Conference considered the suggestion submitted by Special Agent in Charge Purvis relative to Section 35 of the Manual of Rules and Regulations in regard to personnel status reports, suggesting a copy of this report be placed in the Agent's administrative file for use of the Acting Agent in Charge in case of an emergency, pointing out the procedure now followed is to have this in the personnel files and only available to the Special Agent in Charge.

The Committee believes this suggestion contained merit and believes the Agents in Charge should be instructed to have a copy of the personnel status reports made and placed in each Agent's administrative file and that the same procedure should be followed when an agent is transferred to another office.

For your approval, there is attached a bulletin to the Special Agents in Charge informing them that the above procedure should be immediately initiated.

Respectfully,

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T. D. Quinn  
For the Committee.

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October 23, 1934.

Mr. H. H. Purvis,  
 Division of Investigation,  
 U. S. Department of Justice,  
 1900 Bankers' Building,  
 Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Purvis:-

I want to take this opportunity to express to you my personal appreciation and commendation for the very fine work performed by you in connection with the location and apprehension of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd near East Liverpool, Ohio, on October 22, 1934. The successful termination of the hunt for Floyd was I know, in large part, due to the splendid work performed by you in directing the activities of the Division in Ohio. The courage and efficiency of the representatives of the Division will I know prove to be of great value in the work which we are all attempting to do in connection with the current warfare against the criminal element.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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October 23, 1934.

Mr. Tolson:

Mr. Hoover asks that letters of congratulation be sent to the agents noted, and also a letter to the Chief of Police thanking him for his cooperation.

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1900 Bankers Building

Chicago, Illinois

October 27th, 1934

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Director  
Division of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

I am attaching hereto a copy of a letter which I have today sent to the Attorney General concerning the manner in which the Time Magazine presented an article with photographs. I sincerely hope that the Attorney General will understand that this matter is especially distasteful to me as I know it must be to you.

Personally, I am unable to understand why this Magazine should do this, but in the hysteria that usually follows an occurrence of this kind there is no telling what newspapers and magazines might do next. As a matter of fact, all of the publicity which I have received is extremely distasteful to me, both officially and personally. In the first place, any future activity on my part is handicapped, and in the second place, I am not desirous of any personal exploitation, as that is what it all sums up to be. I have endeavored to stop as much of this hullabaloo as possible but have not succeeded very well.

I realize, and I know you do, too, that the Attorney General has been so wonderful and understanding and while I realize that such action would probably be undignified, I would like very much to express my displeasure to the Time Magazine of the manner in which they presented the article mentioned. In fact, I was astounded when I first heard of it and more surprised when I actually saw the page because I did not believe that the Time Magazine would act that way. However, as time goes on I realize more and more that one can never account for what might happen in matters of this kind.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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105 W. Adams St.  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Attorney General:-

I have just noticed an article on CRIME appearing on Page 11 of the TIME magazine of October 29th, 1934, and I wanted to write to you and tell you how distasteful to me is the manner in which the subject matter thereof is presented. It seems to me that it is obvious that TIME has exhibited quite an undeveloped sense of proportion, and that they have displayed the fact that they are uninformed.

I am, and from my many discussions with Mr. Hoover I know he is, also, sincerely grateful to you for the steadfast backing which you have constantly given Mr. Hoover and the men in the field. The support which you have given has been an inspiration to all of us.

With sincere good wishes, I am

Respectfully,

Hon. Homer S. Cummings  
Attorney General  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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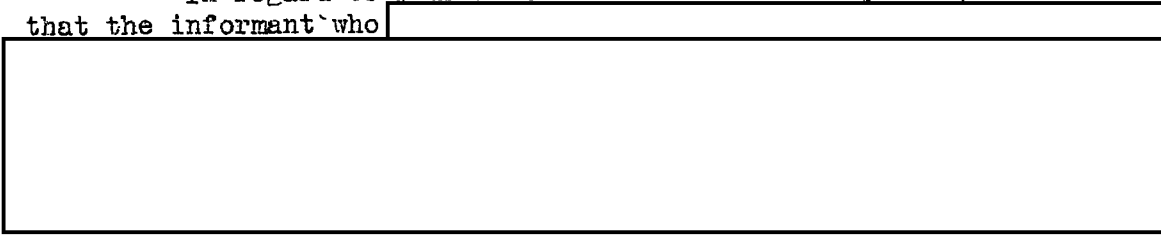
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October 29, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

In regard to your memorandum of October 26, 1934, I believe that the informant who

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With regard to the watch and personal possessions of "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Mr. Purvis has sent in to Washington headquarters these articles. They should be forwarded to Mr. Brantley, with instructions that they be turned over to the mother of Floyd, obtaining a receipt therefor. Before the watch is turned over, it should be photographed in order to have a picture of the ten notches which appear on the face of the watch and on the inside thereof, which probably indicate the number of men that Floyd has killed, using the watch for this purpose rather than his gun, which would have attracted more attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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November 7, 1934.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

The Division has received information to the effect that in May of this year a mock trial was held in the Chicago Office in connection with one John Kelly, colored, who gave certain information to the Division as to the whereabouts of John Dillinger, such information upon investigation having proved to be incorrect.

It is reported that Mr. Nathan served as Judge in this mock trial and that you, Special Agent Waters and Special Agent Falkner were present. Mr. Nathan has informed the Division that this information is correct and that such a trial was held with the persons indicated above present at the time. When I questioned you concerning this matter, you gave information to the effect that so far as your knowledge in the matter went, no such mock trial was held in your office.

I am somewhat disturbed by the inconsistent information furnished to me by Mr. Nathan and you since Mr. Nathan was very definite in his statement that you were present at this mock trial. Obviously, activities of this kind in an office of this Division cannot be tolerated under any circumstances.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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November 6, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Under date of November 1, 1934, Inspector Cowley addressed to the Division a teletype message advising of the request of the law firm of West and Eckhart for a deposition from Special Agent Clarence Hurt in connection with a civil suit growing out of Agent Hurt's actions as a law enforcement official, prior to the time that he entered the Division's service. Mr. Cowley's teletype message stated that "unless instructed to the contrary, Agent Hurt will be permitted to make the deposition requested". Although the Division did not advise you that Agent Hurt should not make this deposition and therefore, in accord with the provisions of Mr. Cowley's message, you were authorized to permit Agent Hurt to make the requested deposition, you contacted the Division by telephone on the morning of November 2, requesting to be advised what action should be taken in this matter. It appears that your telephone call was absolutely unnecessary in this matter.

Kindly submit any explanation which you may care to offer as to the necessity for your telephonic request of the Division.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois  
November 8, 1934

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

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter of November 6, 1934, requesting an explanation as to the reason for the telephone call made by me to Mr. Tamm of the Division on the morning of November 2, 1934, for the purpose of securing authority for Special Agent Clarence Hurt to make a deposition, at the request of the law firm of West and Eckhardt.

The teletype of reference was sent the latter part of the day on November 1, 1934, by Mr. Cowley and on the following morning, in view of the fact that the deposition was desired during the early morning hours, in the interest of caution I deemed it advisable, after discussion of this matter with Mr. Cowley, to call the Division for this authority, in order that extreme care might be exercised to prevent an agent giving a deposition without specific authority from the Division. Mr. Cowley and I discussed this matter before I made the telephone call and I have no other explanation to offer.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis* JAN 13 1935

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

I have received your letter dated October 27, 1934, in which you submit suggestions with respect to possible improvement in the work and efficiency of this Division.

I am extremely grateful to you for these suggestions and I want to assure you that they will receive very careful attention at the Washington headquarters of the Division.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois  
October 27, 1934

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

Dear Sir:-

Re: SUGGESTIONS

It has occurred to me that frequently Special Agents of the Division find that the services of a trustworthy taxi driver in many localities, would be of great value in the conduct of an official investigation. It is my belief that at least one taxi driver in each large city might be contacted and even investigated if such action appeared appropriate to the Division, for the purpose of determining his character and trustworthiness, so that his services could be utilized in the event such action became necessary. I believe that if this groundwork were laid ahead of time and the names and addresses of such taxi drivers were listed in the various field offices, it would be of much assistance in emergencies.

After appropriate, discreet inquiry, the taxidriver could be approached and offered a proposition of this kind, whereby he could be reimbursed in some manner for such services as he might render at the time such services were required. It is my belief that if this step were taken now, and before emergencies arise in each district, it would serve a useful purpose.

Another suggestion which I believe might be desirable as an aid in making surveillances of a house on a country road, or even in a city, that the use of surveyors instruments would aid materially in keeping the identity of Special Agents so engaged, unknown. I do not believe it would be desirable to purchase any of these of this kind, but that it would be advisable to rent or borrow them whenever an occasion of this type might arise.

Very truly yours,

MHP/dr

M. H. JURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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1900 Bankers Building

Chicago, Illinois

November 14th, 1934

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Director  
Division of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

There is attached hereto a ridiculous article which appeared in the South Bend Tribune, South Bend, Indiana, on November 13th, 1934, entitled "Job Hunters Dog Steps of Republicans." I desire to invite your attention particularly to the last paragraph of this article.

I was informed this morning by Mr. Rex Risher, about whom I have written you in connection with his desire to become employed in the Division, that there will undoubtedly be a shake-up in the South Bend, Indiana Police Department right away. He informed me that Chief of Police Hamilton was discharged yesterday and that at 4:00 o'clock Mr. Bailey was appointed Chief of Police. Mr. Bailey resigned at 9:00 o'clock last night, which was the same day on which he was appointed, and there is some indication that slot machines are being put back into use after having been collected by the South Bend Police recently.

This is forwarded for your information.

Very truly yours,

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M. H. PURVIS

Special Agent in Charge

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## JOB HUNTERS DOG STEPS OF REPUBLICANS

New Administration  
Already Has Enough  
for Two Counties.

BY CHARLES L. EGENROAD.

Unemployment in South Bend has become for the first time a question for republicans—and an acute one.

The army of the unemployed, or at least several detachments of it, have been besieging those republicans elected to city and county offices since last Tuesday night, seeking and even demanding jobs. This army of unemployed, however, has some members who are employed, but not in public offices, which seems to be to their dislike.

If all the policemen, all the firemen, all the street workers, janitors, assistants, deputies and part time hangers-around now in public employment in the county and city were replaced with those who have been flaunting the republican banner before the eyes of the new incoming officials, there would be enough job seekers left to provide an official setup for another county.

### Nightmare to Many.

Before last Tuesday the nominees found little time for sleep because of the strenuous campaign they were indulging in. Since Tuesday they have found little time for sleep because of the ever-increasing cry of: "I want a job; I voted for you." To many it is becoming a living nightmare.

With almost every plea for work there is a new rumor started about the city as to who is going to be this and who is going to be that after the new administration takes office on Jan. 1. Col. George W. Freyermuth, mayor-elect, who is resting somewhere out of the city, will find the citizens have his cabinet and aids all selected when he returns.

### These Rumors Err.

He will be gone about two weeks and, at the present rate of rumor release, by the time he returns Dizzy Dean may be chief of police and Ed Wynn the new fire chief. Despite rumors to the contrary, there is no truth to the report that Edsel Ford is to be imported as the new city controller; or that Chic Sale is to be director of the street department; or that Babe Ruth, who can not find a baseball team to manage, will give up and come to South Bend to superintend the water department.

There is little truth, too, to the report that Huey Long's branching out program has branched this far and taken in the control of the republican administration-about-to-be.

Melvin H. Purvis, who directed the capture of Dillinger and other notorious criminals recently, may be induced to come here as assistant chief in charge of the detective bureau, but there is even some doubt about that rumor having any foundation.

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326½ Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

October 7, 1934.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

You will be interested to learn of the public response and sentiment at New Orleans for deserving acclaim following the apprehension of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd in Ohio by Special Agent Melvin Purvis and those under his command working under your direct supervision. The ~~local newspapers~~ reflected this sentiment with personal recognition of your directing powers and for the work of Mr. Purvis and his agents.

The ability and record of achievement of Mr. Purvis has so invoked public confidence in the Division that public sentiment of the nation will never permit the frustration of the Division's command in services to the nation's public to stamp out the criminal element.

It is fortunate that your organization has a man and men of the courage, stamp of convictions, loyalty, and energy characteristic of Mr. Purvis to throw into the breach of such an emergency as the Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd case feeling confident of the successful result of their efforts.

I stand ready to challenge any attack upon the integrity, purpose of public service, the record of accomplishment, energy or efficiency, upon you personally or upon your organization from any source, private or political, and to inform you of any developments of this nature.

As aforementioned, the local newspapers are thoroughly alert and responsive to record accomplishments of the Division and of you as directing head, and are very cooperative to the New Orleans office.

I take pride in the confidence, trust, and responsibility placed upon me in your designation of me as Acting Special Agent in Charge at New Orleans, Louisiana, and am pledging my loyalty to you personally and to the Division, and will execute my duties with energy and dispatch in an efficient manner with this thought ever in my mind.

Sincerely yours,

D. W. Magee,

Special Agent in Charge

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The District of Columbia,  
Bureau of Internal Revenue,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1300 New York Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 10, 1934, in which you request information regarding the status of the estate of the late [Name], deceased, and the amount of the estate tax thereon.

The estate of the late [Name] was administered by [Name], executor, and the estate tax thereon was paid on [Date]. The amount of the estate tax paid was \$[Amount].

Very truly yours,  
[Signature]

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

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ADDRESS REPLY TO  
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 16, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

RE: MELVIN H. PURVIS

Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Carson	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Cowley	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Gurnea	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Hendon	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Zerkow	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....

Attached is the material that the A. P. is going to put into its morgue on Mr. Purvis. I have been asked whether I cannot state informally whether this material contains inaccuracies. Would it be possible to have it checked? After our conversation this morning I informed the A.P. that no material would be available here on the subject. Their comeback is to ask whether I cannot at least indicate whether their own information contains inaccuracies.

*Henry Suydam*

Henry Suydam,  
Special Assistant to the Attorney General.

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Melvin H. Purvis

born Timmons ville, S.C. 1903

graduated from University of South Carolina 1925;

Bachelor of Laws degree

practiced law in Florence, S.C.

entered employ of the Department of Justice 1927 in  
Dallas, Tex; later assigned to New York, Washington, Cincinnati-  
acting agent in charge, later agent in charge; agent in charge at  
Washington; in charge of finger print bureau for brief period; then  
Birmingham and Chicago in 1932 where he was in charge.

early work was on antitrust cases.

hobby is horses. has silver horse on desk;

unmarried

was in charge of Dillinger squad at Little Bohemia,  
Wis., April 22, 1934; working under Inspector Samuel Cowley  
worked on the hunt in Chicago, present at death and  
subsequently commended by Hoover and Cummings.

Floyd death also under Cowley.



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November 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRY SUYDAM,  
Special Assistant to the Attorney General.

With reference to your memorandum of November 16, 1934, with which you attached a memorandum handed to you by the Associated Press containing certain data upon Mr. Melvin Purvis, and requesting to be advised as to whether the information contained in this memorandum of the Associated Press has any inaccuracies in it, I desire to advise you that there are some inaccuracies in the memorandum.

In the first place, the list of offices in which Mr. Purvis has served is not complete. The statements contained in the last paragraph are not entirely accurate. The only statement in the last paragraph which is accurate is the statement to the effect that Mr. Purvis was present at the death of John Dillinger and was commended by the Attorney General and myself. There were, of course, commendations given to a number of other Agents in the Division.

Very truly yours,

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Incl. #698934

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

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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November 19, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

The Division desires to be advised relative to your failure to report the return of Special Agent C. E. Moran to his headquarters as required by Section 95 of the Manual of Rules and Regulations.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois  
November 23, 1934

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

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter of November 19, 1934, requesting that the Division be advised concerning the failure of the Chicago Office to report the return of Special Agent C. E. ~~McRae~~ to his headquarters office.

Please be advised that Special Agent McRae failed to sign in on the Field Office Register of the Chicago Division Office at the time of his departure on October 11, 1934, for the Portland Office district, and also failed to sign in at the time of his return to this office on October 22, 1934.

It will be noted that on November 16, 1934, Inspector Cowley teletyped the Division concerning the departure and return of Agent McRae, as above stated.

This error on the part of Agent McRae has been called to his attention.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS, *vcz*  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

I have received your letter dated November 7, 1934, in which you submit a suggestion with respect to possible improvement in the work and efficiency of this Division.

I am extremely grateful to you for this suggestion and I want to assure you that it will receive very careful attention at the Washington headquarters of the Division.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois  
November 7, 1934

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

Dear Sir:-

With reference to the interviews of applicants for the position of Special Agents and Special Agents (A) it is suggested that when new forms are printed, under Item #4, General Information, there be added a question relative to the manner in which it is believed the applicant might function in a dangerous situation, and with firearms.

Very truly yours,

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M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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November 22, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

You are advised that the records of the Division indicated that Special Agent C. R. LaFrance had been at Toledo, Ohio since October 2, 1934.

It has developed that Agent LaFrance was at Toledo about this time, but only for a period of about two days. The Division desires an immediate explanation from you as to why you failed to report Agent LaFrance back at headquarters as required by Section 95 of the Manual of Rules and Regulations.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Room 1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

November 28, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of November 22, 1934 request-  
ing an explanation why Special Agent C. R. LaFrance of this office was  
not reported back at headquarters after his departure from Toledo, Ohio.

Please be advised that Agent LaFrance departed from Muskegon,  
Michigan at 7:10 P. M. on October 1, 1934 and arrived at Toledo, Ohio  
at 10:55 P. M. the same day; that he left Toledo, Ohio at 2:50 P. M.  
on October 3, 1934 and arrived at Muskegon, Michigan at 6:35 P. M. the  
same day.

The records of this office indicate that a telegram was re-  
ceived from Special Agent LaFrance from Muskegon, Michigan on October 1,  
1934 advising he could be reached at the Occidental Hotel, Muskegon,  
Michigan. A second communication was received from him on the same  
date from Toledo, Ohio, and a third telegram was received from him on  
October 3, 1934 at Muskegon, Michigan. The telegram from Agent LaFrance  
from Toledo, Ohio mentioned previously herein was received and initialed  
by Inspector Cowley and by Special Agent V. W. Peterson, after which the  
same was routed to the file room and placed in Agent LaFrance's adminis-  
trative file.

Agent LaFrance on subsequently arriving at Chicago, Illinois  
on October 20, 1934 did not indicate in the Chicago office register  
the dates on which he departed and returned from this district as set  
forth above.

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Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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November 28, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

During the past several months it has come to the attention of the Division that the movements of Agents assigned to or working under the jurisdiction of the Chicago Office have not been correctly reported to the Division.

On October 2, 1934 the Chicago Office advised the Division that Agent Trainor had arrived in Chicago that morning. The Division was not advised that Trainor had departed from Chicago. However, after inquiry was made on November 16, 1934, relative to the present whereabouts of Agent Trainor, the Special Agent in Charge of the Kansas City Office advised that Trainor had returned to that office on October 3, 1934.

It is necessary that the movements of all Agents working under the jurisdiction of the Chicago Office or on special assignment in that office be promptly forwarded to the Division. The Division desires to be advised immediately as to the reason for the Chicago Office failing to properly report the movements above mentioned.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	

1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois  
November 30, 1934

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

Dear Sirs:-

Reference is made to your letter of November 28, 1934,  
regarding the failure of the Chicago Office to report the  
departure of Special Agent Trainor from the Chicago Office  
on October 3, 1934.

A check has been made of Field Register #2, which reflects  
that Agent Trainor neither signed in nor out at that time.  
Since this register is checked daily to report movements of  
Agents from other offices working on special assignment  
or under the jurisdiction of the Chicago Office, there was  
nothing to indicate that Agent Trainor had been in the Chicago  
Office.

The files in this office reflect that in teletype message  
dated October 2, signed by Inspector Cowley, Agent Trainor's  
arrival was reported.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Nov. 28, 1934.

Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Mr. Hoover.

Gentlemen:-

Why don't you send some High School student here to take over your office here instead of the present school boy Purvis. Yesterday's episode was just another example of his inefficiency.

The safest place for the Dillingers, Floyd's, Nelson's, etc., they have come to recognize is right under Purvis' nose - the closer they can get to him, the safer they are, until some little so-called Hick small town cop, like from Arizona, S. Chicago, ferrets them out or captures them. Just look over the record of the many, many times, members of the Dillinger gang have slipped through the clutches of Purvis' undertaking to catch, even when he apparently had a whole army of men that were supposed to have them surrounded. So typical of him and his operations was the night that the little one horse small town hick cop from S. Chicago, had called him in after doing all the clever detective work, so that he could be there at the kill, then he and his men really went up and down the aisles of the theater almost waving their arms and almost announcing to Mr. Dillinger that they knew he was there and wanted him to come out.

Yesterday's killings were just another episode of his damnable inefficiency. The funny thing about it, is, in spite of all these bunglesome attempts of Purvis to catch the worst gang of murderers the U.S. have ever known that live under his ignorant protection and almost under his nose, he seems to receive not only the commendation of your department but also of the press here. Why in hell don't you send a real-honest-to-goodness tough old sheriff from some western state here instead of getting valuable men killed off by a lawyer, who probably could not make good in law, hence took up detective work after reading a few books on it.

Yours truly,  
A. CITIZEN.

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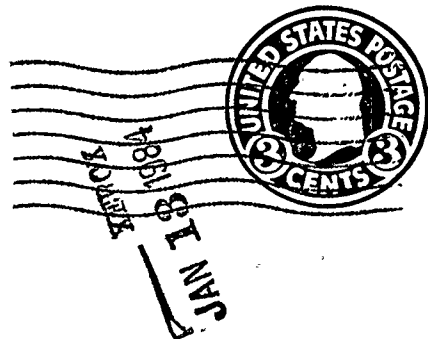
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Department of Justice,  
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November 3, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

During telephonic conversation with Mr. Purvis of Chicago, I stated that I had just had an inquiry which I denied but that I would like to check the story with him to make certain that my denial was in order; that one of the newspapers in Chicago has a story to the effect that that negro which we had in Pittsburgh last Spring was given a trial in the Chicago Office when he got back; that it was a mock trial, participated in by Mr. Purvis and other Agents in the Division Office, and was conducted just as though a court were being held; and that someone sat as a Judge and someone else acted as a defense counsel and a third party was the prosecuting Attorney.

Mr. Purvis told me that Mr. Nathan gave him, the negro, a lecture concerning with-holding information; that he wasn't in the office all of the time but that he did hear Mr. Nathan giving the negro a lecture during the time that he was there; but that so far as he knew there was no semblance of a trial being held. I remarked that the story must have been given the newspapers by the negro and the negro was under the impression that he was being tried, and his case being heard just as though he were in court. Mr. Purvis stated that all he knew was that Mr. Nathan gave the negro a lecture and that Mr. Waters was present and possibly two or three other Agents, all those who went with him over there by airplane. I told Mr. Purvis that that was all right, that giving a man a lecture was entirely different from the idea of a trial with a Judge, the prosecutors, and the defendant. Mr. Purvis stated that if something like that had happened, it was without his knowledge, and certainly was not planned; that the idea had been merely to scare the negro and he understood that in order to make it more real Mr. Waters had taken the side of the negro and had asked Mr. Nathan to let the negro go quietly; that Mr. Waters was not of course sincerely taking the part of the negro but that he did so trying to put the "fear of God" in the negro, and thus see if they could get some truth out of him. I told Mr. Purvis that that was all right.

I stated to Mr. Purvis that if a "trial" had been held in the Division's Office that we would be placed in an awful situation; that if the newspapers print a story to the effect that we take people to any of our Field Offices and hold "mock trials", there would be nothing that we could say to defend ourselves as we have no right to do such a thing; that we only have the right to take a man in and question him; that we do not have the right to take a man in and impress him with the idea that he is being tried in court.

Mr. Purvis definitely told me that so far as he knew there was no indication while he was in the room that it was a court trial, and neither was there any indication that anyone from the Division was sitting as a Judge, in fact, nothing occurred to indicate to him that it was other than an

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information and a lecture. I stated to Mr. Purvis that I thought it should be a very simple thing for him to find out as to how it occurred in his own office and since there was such a material difference between bringing a man in and questioning him and holding a "court trial." Mr. Purvis said that as far as he knew, there were no grounds for the belief that a mock trial was held other than that one man was arguing in favor of the no, and another arguing against him and that one of the men present might have given the impression of being a judge, right? Mr. Purvis said that he did not know. Mr. Purvis remarked that Mr. Waters was sitting in the room and that he has heard that Mr. Waters remarked that it was a mental case of some kind. I remarked to Mr. Purvis that, from his account of the story, I didn't see where the impression could have originated.

Mr. Purvis informed me that he was certain that Mr. Waters, Mr. [Name], and Mr. [Name] were present and he suggested that I question them in regard to the matter.

I stated to Mr. Purvis that my reason for assuming that no such thing had occurred was because it was positively inconceivable and beyond my comprehension and that it was absolutely necessary that I get the facts to substantiate my suspicion.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover, Director.

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interrogation and a lecture. I stated to Mr. Purvis that I thought it should be a very simple thing for him to find out as it had occurred in his own office and since there was such a material difference between bringing a man in and questioning him and holding a "court trial". Mr. Purvis said that so far as he knew, there were no grounds for the belief that a mock trial was held other than that one man was arguing in favor of the negro and another arguing against him and that one of the men present might have given the impression of being a Judge, maybe Mr. Nathan. I asked him if Mr. Nathan did give that impression to the negro, and he stated that he did not know. Mr. Purvis remarked that Mr. Waters was sitting in the room and that he has heard that Mr. Waters remarked that it was a mental case of some kind. I remarked to Mr. Purvis, that, from his account of the story, I didn't see where the impression could have originated.

Mr. Purvis informed me that he was certain that Mr. Waters, Mr. Nathan, and Mr. Faulkner were present and he suggested that I question them in regard to the matter.

I stated to Mr. Purvis that my reasons for assuming that no such thing had occurred was because it was positively inconceivable and beyond my comprehension and that it was absolutely necessary that I get the facts to substantiate my assumption.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



CLOSED SECTION

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There are a number of administrative files which do not bear the class or file number. Among these are the Ammunition file, Clark-Ven Buren Garage file #3, The Texas Company Gas and Oil Bills and Vouchers, Gas and Oil Purchases from the Post Office, file #3, and Franklin Street Garage Bills and Vouchers. The Texas Company file originally had 66-19 as a number but it has since been crossed out.

With reference to the Ammunition file, this file, as stated above, does not have class or file number on the jacket, but it is noted that some of the papers in this file bear #66-395 as the file number of these papers contained therein. It is noted that this is the same number as is used on the jacket of the Guns and Equipment file, which is numbered 66-395.

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67-1466

CLARENCE LUNDQUIST

Serial No. 1, a teletype message from the Division, is not stamped as received or initialed for the file.

67-1467

EDWARD J. GRADY

Serial No. 1 of this file is a teletype message from the Division and is not stamped as to date received or initialed for the file.

67-1465

ARNOLD J. LE MAIRE

Serial 1 is a teletype message from the Division and is not stamped as to date received or initialed for the file.

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15-0

Examination of this file reflects that there is a letter therein dated October 9, 1933 from Topolis & Harding of Chicago, which letter has never been stamped for filing. There are other instances in this file where letters have been received and have been filed without having been stamped or initialed, another such example being a letter signed "Jack" dated October 3, 1933 at Chicago, Illinois.

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7-47

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS

The duplicate assignment card does not give any other identifying data.  
The original assignment card is properly prepared.

60-311

AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY

In the closed assignment card box it was noted that two closed cases have been recorded on the above file number for this month. The case was closed, reopened and closed during the month; in other words, this would count as two closed cases when it should only be counted as one.

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26-5747

It is noted that a charge-out slip showing that Agent Chaffetz received serials from this file on June 23, 1934. These serials have been returned to the file and were filed on top of the charge-out slip and in an improper manner, it being noted that the serials returned being serials 4 and 5, and that they have been filed on top of serial 6 .

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49-1036

W. STANCZEWSKI

Serial No. 1 of this file is not serialized.

31-3232

CHARLES N. LINDE;  
MRS. JOSEPH PAVLICEK - VICTIM.

Serial No. 1 of this file is not initialed.

15-210

ROBERT J. MILLAY

Serial No. 49 is a letter from the United States Probation Officer  
which has not been acknowledged.

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Egan and Ladd, Chicago.  
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Your attention is directed to the 15-0, 26-0, 31-0, etcetera, files in your office. It is noted that up until about January of last year the papers in these files contained the class, file number and serial number. After that date they do not contain class, file or serial numbers. It is believed that this procedure is improper and that they should be serialized the same as any other investigative case file. These files cannot be classed as administrative files.

With reference to the 31-0 file, under date of August 9th a letter was sent to you by the United States Attorney at Milwaukee which was never acknowledged. Some investigation or interview was conducted by Agent Peterson under date of August 14th and 15th, which is made the subject of a memorandum in this file. There is a letter in this file which was received on December 28, 1933 which is not initialed for the file.

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26-5527

GEORGE T. EISENTRAGER, with aliases

Serials No. 20, 47 and 50 have been filed without initialing.

There is a memorandum in the file between Serials No. 52 and 53 which bears no serial number.

26-5580

RAYMOND ROCCO, with aliases

Serials No. 7 and 15 have been filed without initialing.

There is a memorandum from the Cincinnati Office filed between Serials No. 21 and 22 which carries no serial number.

7-142

LARRY KENT

Serial No. 5, which is a report of the Chicago Division Office dated October 8, 1934, does not bear the autographic initials of the stenographer transcribing same.

Serial No. 6 is an exhibit envelope which is labeled to represent that it contains photographs of three separate subjects. No photographs are in the envelope, nor is there any charge-out slip showing the disposition of these photographs.

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**86-19**  
**FEDERAL CIVIL WORKS ADMINISTRATION PROJECT #1;**  
**PRICE COUNTING, WISCONSIN**

This case was closed on November 6, 1934. Serial No. 8 is still charged to Agent, same having been charged out on October 30.

**82-1011**  
**WILLIAM J. MAYER**

There are no serials in this file. It was found among the closed cases. The assignment card indicates, however, that the case was closed by being consolidated with file No. 82-1018. It is believed that in cases such as this a memorandum should be placed in the closed file indicating the disposition of the case.

**82-969**  
**ROBERT LUIS MACKLIN, C-1, 186,984**

Memorandum from the Nashville Office received in Chicago on October 31, 1934 is not serialized.

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82-9

JOHN M. SCHMITZ

It is noted that Serial No. 17 in this file has been filed without being initialed. Likewise, it is noted that Serial No. 28 has neither been stamped nor initialed.

82-3

FRANK H. SPROW

It is noted that neither copy of Serial No. 8 has been initialed.

82-748

HILMER C. BELL

Serial No. 1 in this file is an exhibit envelope which contains a notation that photostatic copies of clinical history sheets and questionnaires are enclosed therein. However, this envelope contains no exhibits. It is suggested that when exhibits are removed from the envelope in the file to be returned to the United States Attorney or sent to other offices that a proper notation should be made on said exhibit envelope.

26-5945  
WILLIAM SPLUKA

Serial No. 1, a telegram from the St. Louis Office, has been filed without being initialed.

26-5955  
JOSEPH CARTER

Serial No. 1, a telegram from the St. Paul Office, has been filed without being initialed.

26-5909  
GEORGE WORTHINGTON MOORE

A copy of Serial No. 3, a report from the Kansas City Office, was charged out to Agent Dickerson, October 27, 1934, and has not been returned to the file, this case having been closed on November 1, 1934.

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26-5713

ROBERT FOSTER SMITH

There are two memoranda from the Detroit Office filed in this case without being serialized. Likewise, these two memoranda are improperly filed in that they appear between the two copies of Serial No. 9.

26-5859

JOHN THOMAS SINGLETON, JR., with aliases

A memorandum from the Birmingham Office has been filed without being serialized or initialed.

26-5914

FRANK CARLISLE

This case was referred to the Chicago Office by the United States Marshal at Milwaukee, Wisconsin by telegram, which telegram has not been acknowledged.

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26-5895

ARTHUR HOLDEN et al

It is noted that serial 5 in this file, which is an exhibit envelope is neither stamped in, nor initialed for the file.

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26-5877

MARSHALL RICHARD, with alias, et al

It is noted that serial 11, which is a report of the Chicago Office dated September 25, 1934, does not bear the autographic initials of the stenographer transcribing same.

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26-5858

EDWARD KOSTUS, et al

There is a charge-out slip in this file showing that Agent Lorry secured serial 4 on August 10, 1934. However, all copies of serial 4 are presently in the file. This charge-out slip should be removed.

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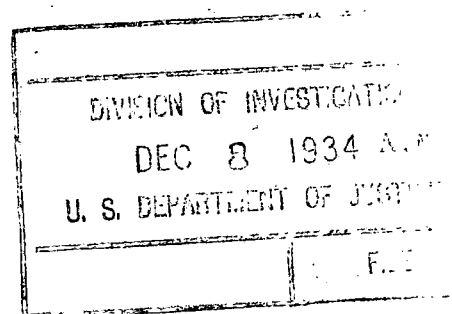
26-5822

Serial 8 in this file, which is an exhibit envelope, has been filed without being stamped, or without initials.

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In talking with Special Agent (A) Schulz on Saturday, November 17th, he informed me that the greater portion of the work that he has been doing during the week beginning November 11th has been that of Agents, notwithstanding that the Division has recently issued instructions that the accountants are to be assigned to accounting work unless permission is received from the Division.

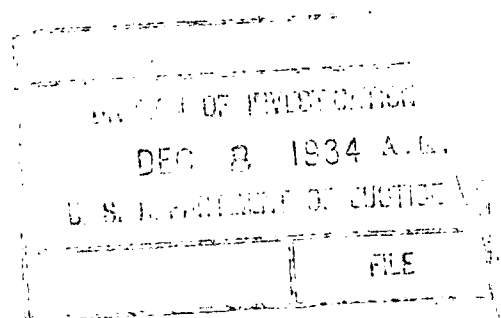
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An examination of the technical equipment assigned to your office reflects that the dial telephone set is not in proper working order. A test developed that in registering the number called the relay skips numbers in registering same on the paper tape.

Likewise it was observed that the amplification of the voice was exceedingly weak and instructions were issued that the batteries be replaced in this set, that the tubes be checked and that your office have the relay in this recording set adjusted in order to overcome the skip in the recording of numbers as the machine is at the present time absolutely worthless in obtaining the proper number dialed.

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An examination of the Division automobiles assigned to your office was made on the evening of November 22, 1934. At that time it was found that Ford V-8 sedan, 1932 model, motor number 18-137236, identification number 5452, was not in the garage. Upon inquiry at the garage it was ascertained that same was presently being used by one Ray who was alleged to be the owner of this garage.

On the morning of November 23, 1934, this was called to the attention of Acting Agent in Charge Zimmer and he was instructed to state our displeasure at this procedure and that in all probability all cars would be taken from that garage.

He made an explanation to Agent Zimmer that he had made a bid on this car and further that he had taken this car to go and get gaskets for one of our other cars under repair since his own car was being repaired he thought it would be all right to use the Division's car.

A short time later he called Agent Zimmer back and informed him that he had permission from Special Agent McCarthy to use this car. Agent McCarthy is at a trial in Montana at the present time, but Agent McCarthy nor anyone else in this office has authority to allow a Division car to be used for any purpose except by Division Agents on official business.

Further instructions will be received regarding this occurrence from Washington.

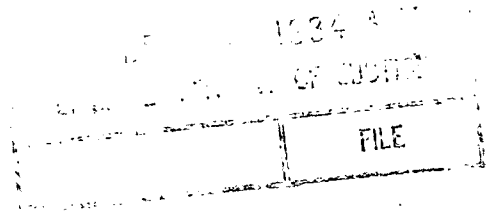
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It has been noted that in the small room which contains the switchboard and the teletype machine there are two stenographers besides the telephone operator and several cabinets.

This room in my opinion is too crowded for efficient work by the stenographers. The continuous conversation of the switchboard operator interferes to some extent with the work of these girls and since there are several small offices used by Supervisors, so-called, it is believed that the two stenographers should be moved out into one of these small offices off of the general file room so they will be available at the front of the office when needed.

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An examination of the supplies on hand at your Office reflects that you have ten small leather fingerprint kits, all of which are empty, and that you have no fingerprint powders in your Office for the proper filling of these kits. According instructions have been issued so that an appropriate supply of fingerprint powder be ordered from the Division.

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In the Supply Room of your Office there was found stored one Master Dictagraph set, together with one substation therefor. This Dictagraph is surplus property; however, same is not so carried on your inventory records.

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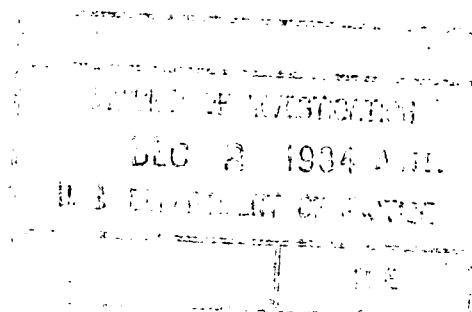
In the Mailing Room of your Office there were found seventeen surplus sets of complete Manual Changes issued August 1, 1934. They were in a file basket placed on top of the radiator. Inquiry revealed that these were surplus sections of the Manual, and that time had not permitted their return to the Division. It is suggested that these be returned by registered mail.

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In the room where the closed file cabinets are maintained there were found several dirty coffee cups and saucers in the window behind the file cabinets. These should be removed immediately.

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An examination of the Identification Orders in your office discloses that the same are not correctly indexed, in that I have found that in several instances the aliases are not indexed, or the names are incorrectly indexed. For example -

I. O. 1114, in which case the index file does not contain an alias card.

I. O. 1054, the subject has two aliases and only the main index card was found in the file.

I. O. 1155, neither the name of the subject, nor his three aliases are indexed at all in the file.

I. O. 1126 - It was noted that one of the aliases of this subject was improperly indexed in that the name was shown as Dewey George Bryan, when it should have been Davey George Bryan

It was noted that there is an undated charge-out slip in the numerical file for I. O. 1194, signed by Agent Hollis. The Identification Order was found in the file, and the charge-out slip was improperly filed between Identification Orders 1187 and 1188.

On previous inspections you were cautioned regarding the importance of having all identification orders properly indexed. At this time instructions are reissued that they be checked and carefully, so that it will not be necessary at some future date to again call this to your attention.

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From a review of the files in the Chicago Office it is noted that there are too many memoranda from other offices which have been filed without having been serialized or initialed to separately comment thereon. In fact, practically every such memorandum would have to be written up; therefore, instructions should be issued immediately by you that these memoranda must be serialized and initialed.

From an examination of the files of this office it is noted that it has apparently been the practice of this office to file incoming teletype messages without properly stamping and initialing. Inasmuch as this error occurs so frequently in the files which have been examined in this office it is not again being referred to specifically, and this general comment is made as to this erroneous practice.

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From an examination of the list of peace officers maintained at your office and as furnished to the Division it was observed that you do not carry therein the names of the States Attorneys in the various states comprising your territory.

The following omissions among others are being called to your attention:

In the State of Indiana the States Attorney is not listed for the following counties: Lake, Laporte, Grant, and Marshall county.

In the State of Wisconsin it was observed that the States Attorney for Langlade, Marquette, Waukesha and Washington counties were not contained therein.

In the State of Illinois it was observed that the States Attorney for Kane, Whiteside, and Carroll counties were not contained thereon.

Likewise the States Attorney at Chicago, Illinois, for Cook county was not included on this list.

In this connection your attention is directed to Division letter dated November 8, 1934 setting out other officers whose names are not contained on your list.

During the last inspection of your office your attention was directed to the importance of the listing of county prosecutors.

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It is noted that in your file room you have a division of the files as to pending assigned cases, filed in one row of cabinets, and pending unassigned cases filed in another cabinet. It is believed that these should be consolidated to eliminate unnecessary work.

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It is noted from an examination of the road work box in your office that same is subdivided into districts by number with headings as: District, No. 6, Indiana. On this card are listed the towns in this particular District and under District, No. 6, Indiana, are noted such towns as Cary, Hammond, Michigan City, Indiana.

Also contained on this same card are the following towns: Kaukegan, Zion, Wilmette, all of which towns are in Illinois and which are in entirely different directions from the city of Chicago. These towns could not all be covered on the same road trip.

Also a subdivision with the index card headed: District, No. 10, Wisconsin. The towns listed on this divider are: Garrett, Indiana, Portland, Indiana and Warsaw, Indiana. All other towns listed on this card are likewise in Indiana.

Another card used as a subdivider is headed: District, No. 8, Michigan. All towns listed on this card in the State of Illinois. It is suggested that some study should be given to the territory in the Chicago Division; and that the road work box should be revised so that the subdivisions will be the most logical territory to be handled on any particular road trip.

Report of inspectors  
Evan and Ladd, Chicago  
November 21, 1934

It was observed by the Inspectors that again on the morning of November 20, 1934, that the stenographers assigned to your office did not promptly commence work at 9 a.m. At 9:08 a.m., one of the stenographers was observed still in the process of combing her hair.

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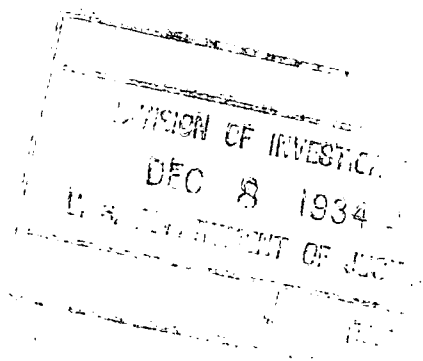
When we arrived to make this inspection you did not report to the office until about 9:50, notwithstanding that Mrs. Rogers had called you shortly after our arrival and informed you that we were at the office. She also informed that you had an appointment at 9:30 at the office. You were late in keeping this appointment. Your arrival yesterday morning is not indicated on the register for that particular day. It is felt that an Agent in Charge should be at his office between 8:30 and 8:45 every morning in order to lay out the work and direct the efforts of the others who report at or about 9:00. A full and complete explanation is desired regarding the above.

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It was noted on the morning of November 17th when this inspection began that the stenographers did not start to work promptly; in fact, some of them had not settled down to work until about 9:15. This is very important and should receive your personal attention. A full and complete explanation is desired regarding the above.

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67-1460

GEORGE M. EPSTEIN

This case was closed on November 7. Agent Hirsh received Serials No. 1, 2, 3 and 4 on October 31st and they have not been returned to the file.

67-1458

RICHARD L. JUDY

The original letter from the Division is not in the file. This is a closed case. The file reflects only one report by the Chicago Office, which is not serialized.

67-1402

JAY J. FRANK

This case was closed on November 2, 1934. Agent Lestage has Serial No. 15 and has had same since November 5th.

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67-1474

OTHO A. EZELL

Serial No. 2 of this file is missing, and there is no charge-out slip in the file. The case was closed on November 13th.

67-1470

KENNETH LOGAN

Serial No. 3, a teletype from the Division, is not stamped to show date received or initialed for the file.

67-1469

JOHN F. COLLINS

Serial No. 1, a teletype message received from the Division, is not stamped as to date received or initialed for the file.

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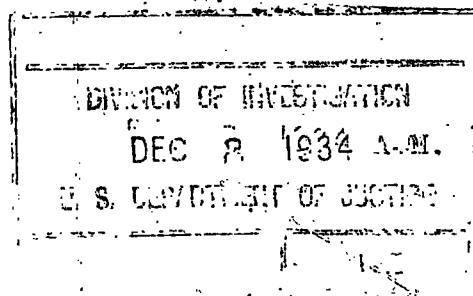
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From a review of the files in this office, it is noted that a large number of exhibit envelopes in said files are in bad condition; that the exhibits are falling out of some, and will become lost unless the envelopes are repaired.

Individual comment is not being made in each instance, in view of the number of envelopes in this condition.

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Egan and Ladd, Chicago  
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There were found in a file basket in the Mailing Room of your Office Accounting Lessons #1, 2, and 3, addressed to former Special Agent A. Schuss. These Accounting Lessons should have been promptly returned to the Division upon the resignation of Agent Schuss. It is requested that these be forwarded to the Division immediately in accordance with previous Division instructions.

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It is noted from a review of the assignment cards in the Chicago Office that some carry no notations as to the amount of time or number of days investigative attention necessary for that particular case. Instructions should be issued by you immediately to comply with Division instructions in regard to this matter.

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The tickler boxes are maintained by Special Agents Zimmer and McCarthy. Discrepancies were found in both boxes. There were found in one box a number of ticklers filed upside down. There were 347 ticklers in the boxes which did not belong there. There were 4 on cases closed in June, 26 on cases closed in July, 75 on cases closed in August, 79 on cases closed in September, 107 on cases closed in October and 56 on cases closed in November previous to this inspection. There were also 3 cases in which the cases have been assigned on October 1 and 6 and November 14, respectively, which ticklers were filed in an inactive file and had not been placed in the tickler system. We found 13 ticklers on applicants on top of the tickler box, Special Agent Zimmer's explanation being that they would be handy. In Special Agent McCarthy's room we found 7 miscellaneous ticklers which had not been placed in the files and 14 ticklers and files on his desk dating from the 15th to the 17th of the month. McCarthy, in explaining his failure to properly maintain his tickler system, stated that they were so far behind at times that he could not examine the cases to which the ticklers pertained. This was the reason, also, why Zimmer was holding the applicant ticklers on top of the tickler box, so that they would receive attention.

It was also noted in going through the tickler boxes that they would have as high as 35 and 40 ticklers to be examined for one day and then for several days there would be no ticklers to come up on those particular days. We believe that a more even distribution of this tickler system could be made if some thought were given to it. The Chicago Office has not been getting the full benefit of the use of this system, and it is felt that this is one of the important functions of the office and henceforth should receive careful attention.

It was also noted that the tickler system is apparently not being used to call attention to the dates on which inventories, personnel status, thirty-day reports and similar matters should be acted on by the Agent in Charge. It is suggested that a full use of the tickler system would make the administrative functions of the office considerably easier.

The tickler box maintained by Agent McCarthy contained lead cards on the Stoll case. He claimed that there were no index cards in the file for these names or leads, and the cards in the box did not indicate the file number to which they pertained; there was no index in the tickler box to indicate to what case or cases these lead cards pertained.

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In examining the tickler box of Special Agent McCarthy, it was found that he had not pulled his ticklers from November 3d to 17th, the date of this inspection; that on the war risk cases his ticklers had not been pulled since the 10th, his explanation being that he was too busy to get at it.

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Yesterday (Saturday afternoon) it was noted that Special Agent Williams was in the file room pulling files and examining them, yet there were three clerks on duty Saturday afternoon. This was discussed with Miss Dunkel, who said that she had instructions that no Agent was to take files out of the file cases, which instructions had been issued by you some time ago. I spoke to Agent Williams about this and he informed me that he knew that the clerks were busy pulling files for the Inspectors and he did not want to bother them. He was cautioned as to this, and it may be well to issue instructions again to the employees of this office regarding the obtaining of files from the file room without the assistance of the clerks.

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It is noted that on the morning of November 19, 1934, the following three Special Agents reported to the Chicago Office from the training school. These agents were permitted to wait until 9:30 A. M. prior to any interview with officials in the Chicago Office. At that time they were called, in your absence, by Agent Zimmer and their property was checked, and they were instructed that they would receive an assignment very shortly. No other instructions were given to them, until the writer talked to these new agents, explaining their duties to them. No assignments were found for these new agents until 10 A. M. It is believed that these assignments could have been ready for immediate assignment to these agents, it being noted that this office was aware of the fact that Agents Hicks, Earick and Greaney were to report in this office on November 19, and that this information was available several days prior to their arrival.

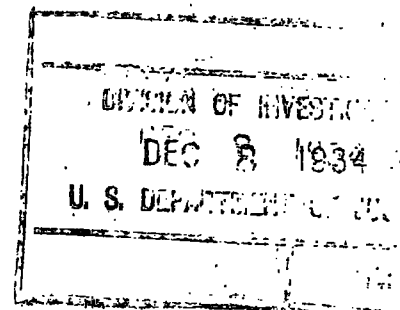
Special Agent (A) L. L. Juskow was called into the Inspectors Office this morning at about ten o'clock to determine what class of case he was assigned to, and he stated that he had been, for the past three days, working on applicant investigations but this morning he was waiting for Mr. McCarthy to assign him some cases. It is believed that with the great number of unassigned cases in the Chicago Office at the present time, two-thirds of them having leads in the city of Chicago, assignments should be prepared and ready at all times for agents. In fact, they should be familiar with the work assigned to each agent, so that sufficient cases could be given them in advance of the time that they would complete their present assignment, so they would have an opportunity to review the files and be ready to start immediately on new work. Knowing that Special Agents (A) would be released from the accounting investigations on the morning of November 19, 1934, it is believed that the supervisor could have had sufficient work ready for them had he been interested enough in spending the necessary time in the office on the Sunday prior thereto.

For your information, Special Agent McCarthy did not report at all on Sunday, the 18th, and Agent Zimmer was here for approximately three hours, and he was engaged in reconciling the ticklers which we found out of order.

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In a report yesterday, your attention was called to the stenographers not getting to work immediately, although all of them have sufficient work on their books as indicated by the daily report. They do not start to work promptly at 9 o'clock. This was noticed again today. In fact, at 9:10 one of the girls was before the mirror just outside the stenographers' room, coaming her hair. This morning a line was drawn on the register at 9 A. M. However, Miss Barrick, who reported later for duty, registered at 9 A. M. below the line drawn. Some supervision should be given to the work of the stenographers, it is felt.

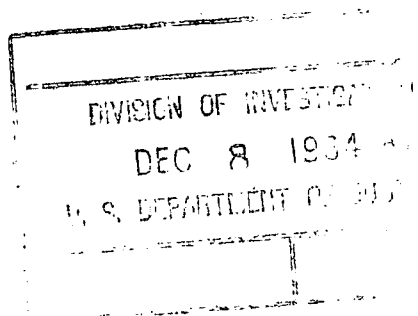
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From a review of the daily report files maintained in your office it has been noted that there is no comment made on said reports by the Agents assigned to this office indicating that they have contacted sheriffs, chiefs of police, state's attorneys and other law enforcement officials relative to fingerprint work or the submission of uniform crime reports. These comments should be included on daily reports and, as you of course know, Agents should contact these law enforcement officials concerning these matters in all towns in which they have other investigative work.

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With further reference to the Agents' daily reports maintained in your office it is noted that there are a large number of such reports dated from August of 1931 until the present time. As you of course know, these daily reports should be destroyed at the end of one year. Among those which have been noted were the daily reports of Special Agent Jenkins from July of 1931 to date, the reports of Special Agent (A) A. N. Johnson from August of 1931 to date, the reports of Special Agent H. L. Scott from January of 1932 to date, as well as numerous others.

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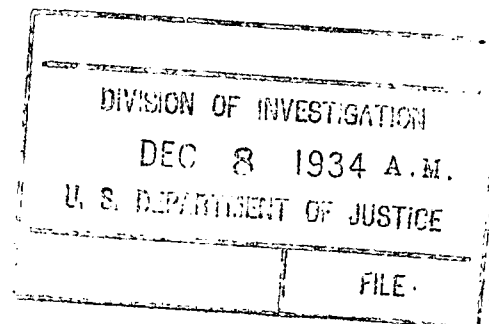
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From an examination of the daily reports submitted by Special Agent R. C. Gillespie it is noted that the serials in this file are misfiled, particular attention being directed to the fact that a daily report submitted for July 2, 1934 is filed between a daily report of March 27, 1934 and one of June 29, 1930. It is presumed that this latter one should have been June 29, 1934. As you of course know, administrative files which are not serialized should be maintained in chronological order as to dates in order to readily find the serials therein.

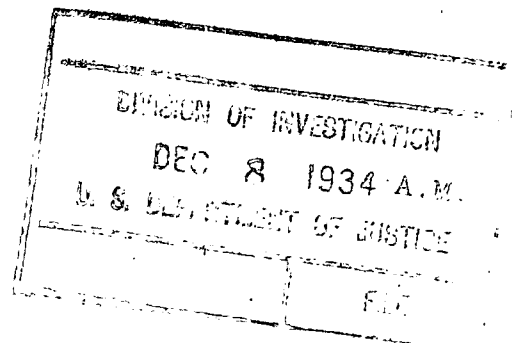
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From an examination of the daily report files maintained in your office it has been observed that none of these files bear file numbers. As a result of the failure to properly assign numbers to these administrative files it is noted that in several instances duplicate files are opened for the Agents of your office, there being no index cards and no file numbers. In connection with the daily reports of Special Agent (A) J. E. Daley it is noted that you are maintaining two separate daily report files, each of which has not more than six serials therein, and that in each file are filed some reports for August of 1934 and some reports for September, 1934. These files, of course, should be consolidated. The same comment may be made with reference to the daily report files maintained for Special Agent (A) Earl Van Fagoner, it being noted that there are two separate files maintained for this Agent's daily reports, and that in each of these files there are maintained copies of reports for various days in September, October and November of 1934. These files should likewise be consolidated.

In accordance with Division instructions, administrative files should be given an appropriate file number, and it is believed that these daily report files should all bear an administrative number and that same should be indexed.

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An examination of the Field Office Register Sheet, Form #2, reflects that in numerous instances Agents have been signing this register for travel within the district of the Chicago Division Office. This register should be maintained only for those leaving the district or those arriving in this district from other districts. Among those noted were the following registrations:

Nugent	10/27/34	To South Bend, Indiana
T. J. Connor	11/8/34	To Milwaukee, Wisconsin
J. R. Welles	11/15/34	" " "

It is also noted that this register is not properly maintained as to registrations of Agents leaving the territory or arriving in the territory from other offices. Numerous inaccuracies were noted, among them being the following:

- On 10/27/34 Agent Williams signed in for general assignment, giving no local address or telephone number;
- On 10/25/34 Agent Suran signed in for general assignment, giving no local address or telephone number;
- On 9/30/34 Agent Ross signed in for general assignment, giving no local address or telephone number;
- On 9/22/34 Agent signed this register as leaving on transfer, no destination being shown.

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In a review of the unassigned War Risk cases in your office, it is noted that a majority of the files contain office memoranda setting forth the name of the Veteran and other similar data. However, in all instances these memoranda have been filed without being serialized. It is also noted that in other files in this class of case, where subsequent papers are filed, that they are improperly serialized in that the first serial is not taken into consideration.

In examining the files of this office, it has been discovered that serials have been charged out of the files, and are still out of the files, charged out to agents who are no longer connected with this office. It is believed that you should confer with each agent who is transferred, prior to his departure, regarding his cases and any outstanding serials charged to him, in order that the same may be returned before he leaves the office.

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Your attention is called to the fact that your administrative files are not being properly maintained, in that some of the papers received are not stamped as to date received, others are not initialed, and some have neither the stamp nor initial. A few examples will be set forth here, and the above is true of a great many papers in the cases listed below.

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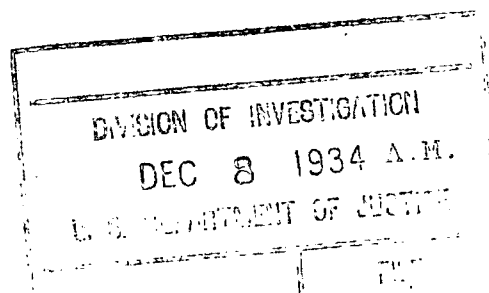
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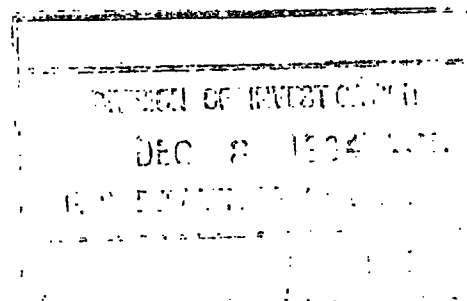
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From an examination of the Confidential Informant file maintained in your Office, it has been observed that there were listed therein largely the names of Deputy Sheriffs, Detectives, Railway Special Agents, Bank Officials and Apartment House Managers. While such a record is desirable as to contacts in your districts, they are not considered as confidential informants, and it is believed that full value is not being obtained from your use of this Confidential Informant file. This file should be maintained for those members of the underworld who, by reason of their own questionable acts, have contacts with known bank robbers, fences, procurers, and others of this criminal type who will furnish information to Agents of this Division concerning the activities of such criminals. The value of this informant file is lost in the event it becomes cluttered with names which do not properly belong therein.

Mr. Cowley has a number of names of confidential informants which have not been indexed or placed in your files, which it is felt should be done.

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From an examination of the supplies on hand in your Office it was observed that you have two of the large gas grenades which have no firing caps. Inquiry has revealed that there are no caps at this Office for same and it is suggested that you should immediately order the firing caps for these grenades.

It is noted further that the monthly report submitted on your equipment on November 1, 1934, shows that each hand grenade in your Office is ready for firing. No mention is made of the lack of the firing caps, as noted above.

It was also observed that there are only 48 gas grenades on hand at this time, and instructions were issued that an additional supply of same should be ordered.

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During this inspection it has been noted that the photographer assigned to your office has on numerous occasions, and on one entire day, November 21, 1934, been without any work whatsoever. It is believed that some arrangement should be effected by you whereby the photographer may be assigned to other work, such as, lineographing, mailing and addressing of identification orders, etc., on occasions when there is no photography work for him.

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December 6, 1934.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Sir:

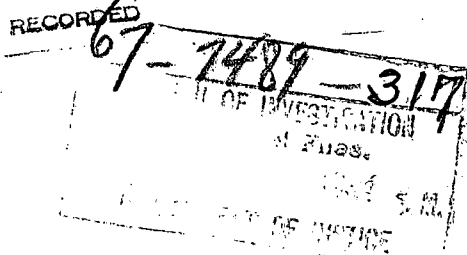
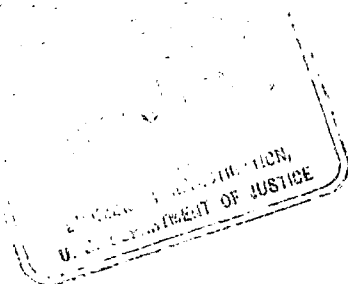
Inspector James S. Egan has forwarded to me a copy of the memorandum which was left with you following the inspection of the Chicago office concerning investigative case files examined in connection with the inspection.

It is desired that your reply to the criticism of the Inspectors in these cases be forwarded to the Division as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Handwritten initials or a signature, possibly "J. E. H.", located below the stamp.

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December 6, 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

"Purvis"

There is attached hereto a summary of the personnel at the Chicago Office, which is complete with the exception that the grades attained in the stenographic and typing tests are not shown. They will be furnished just as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

J. S. EGAN.

(67-342-515)

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H. H. PURVIS

Special Agent in Charge

Entered on Duty	-	February, 1927
Salary	-	\$5,200.00
Age - 51		
Single		
Attorney - Yes		
Office of Preference	-	None
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 300
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	100%
Instructions	-	100%

Comments

Inspector Egan:

This entire report reflects unfavorably on this Special Agent in Charge. It is not deemed advisable to include herein all of the mistakes and errors found in the Chicago Office. It is felt, however, that this Agent in Charge has not been exercising proper supervision over his office but has been leaving the work to others who have not been properly trained or who have not had sufficient interest therein to do the same properly. It is believed that after a period of approximately ninety days this office should be again inspected and if the conditions have not improved and the office is not in first-class shape this Agent in Charge should be placed in a smaller office, where he would have to do the work himself. He is extremely temperamental, egotistical, and told me that when he is in restaurants or at social functions if somebody sees and recognizes him that person will judge somebody else and point him out. I think that he had been giving more time to his own personal interests and to his social activities than he had been giving to the office which he represents. I believe his status at this time is very unsatisfactory. This Agent in Charge did not register arrival at the office on July 2, September 29, and November 16 and 17, 1934.

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R. F. BALDWIN

Special Agent (A)

Entered on Duty	-	March, 1932
Salary	-	\$3500.00
Efficiency Rating	-	87.85%
Age - 32		
Married - no children		
Attorney - No		
Office of Preference	-	Chicago, St. Louis, or Kansas City.
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 206
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	90% - missing parts of questions 54 and 105
Instructions	-	75% - missing questions 24, 71 and part of 191.

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Accountant Baldwin is a young man of good appearance, interested in his work, a willing, hard worker, and better than the average as an accountant.

Inspector Egan:

This employee, in my opinion, is better than an average accountant. He is interested, willing, and capable.

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A. F. BARBER

Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	January, 1934
Salary	-	\$2900.00
Efficiency Rating	-	78%
Age - 32		
Married - one child		
Attorney - Yes		
Office of Preference	-	None
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 286
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	90% - missing parts of questions 32 and 35.
Instructions	-	95% - missing part of question 148.

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Special Agent Barber is a young man of good personal appearance. During most of the time since he has been assigned to the Chicago Office he has been working on special assignment under former Inspector Cowley. For the past month, however, he has been on general assignment which has consisted almost entirely of maintaining a close contact which amounts to living with Orville E. Carter, who is a friend of Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., the kidnaper of Mrs. Alice Stoll. I have had little opportunity to observe any of his general investigative work or any of his reports and consequently am unable to state his qualifications. He appears, however, to be a fair Agent. I do not believe he has given any indication of developing into anything above the average.

Inspector Egan:

This Agent it is believed has possibilities of development but it is felt that he needs considerable training and possibly a little more than average supervision.

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L. A. BECKSTEAD

Special Agent (A)

Entered on Duty - As Clerk, July, 1931  
Agent, June, 1934  
Salary - \$2900.00  
Efficiency Rating - 79.0%  
Age - 37  
Married - no children  
Attorney - No  
Office of Preference - Salt Lake City  
Commission Card and Case - Satisfactory  
Badge examined - No. 557  
Manual tests:  
Rules and Regulations - 73% - missing question 25 and parts of 74, 84 and 103.  
Instructions - 60% - missing questions 71, 103 and 150, and parts of 27 and 49.

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvior:

Special Agent Beckstead is at the present time assigned to work on a mail fraud case with Special Agent (A) Paulson. I have not had an opportunity to observe his work in view of his recent arrival in Chicago.

Inspector Egan:

This employee, in my opinion, will develop after considerable training and supervision into an average Agent. He is extremely slow mentally. He is interested, willing, and loyal but I feel his development will be slow.

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G. S. BELLINO

Special Agent (A)

Entered on Duty	-	March, 1934
Salary	-	\$2900.00
Efficiency Rating	-	86.6%
Age - 29		
Single		
Attorney - No		
Office of Preference	-	New York
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 38
Manual tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	87% - missing question 47 and part of 103
Instructions	-	90% - missing question 156

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

This Agent has completed his three month period of general investigative work and since his assignment to accounting work has demonstrated a good working knowledge of accountancy and the work of the Division. I believe he is developing rapidly and will prove to be an asset to the Division. He applies himself diligently and appears to be a substantial individual.

Inspector Egan:

This employee has only a fair personal appearance, in my opinion. He is willing, a good accountant, and with proper training and supervision will develop.

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E. C. BENNETTS

Special Agent (A)

Entered on Duty	-	September 1, 1919
Salary	-	\$3200.00
Last Efficiency Rating	-	85.15%
Age - 58		
Widower		
Office of Preference	-	Los Angeles
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 154
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	51% - missing questions 25, 31, 60, 64 and parts of 12 & 36.
Instructions	-	84% - missing parts of questions 5, 17, 27 and 49.

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Special Agent (A) Bennetts has been in the service for some length of time and is somewhat old looking. He is only qualified to handle bank cases, which he does in a manner slower than the average Special Agent.

Inspector Egan:

This Agent informed me that he did not believe that he was receiving a fair salary for the amount of time he had put in this service and that he had never been able to get to Los Angeles, his office of preference. I explained to him the reason his salary was what it is. I told him he was only qualified to handle one type of investigation and that being the simpler type of bank cases. He said that he had not been given any experience on bankruptcy or mail fraud cases. I told him the reason for this was on account of the work of the Division at the present time, that we could not take a man who had been in the service as long as himself and train him in this work which he was not, after all of these years, prepared to do. I called his attention to the fact that he did not subscribe for the Division's accounting course until several letters had been written to him. He stated that he realized now this course had been of great advantage to him. I also told him that if he desired to be assigned to work of an accounting nature such as mail fraud, bankruptcy and other types of accounting cases, he should have in all these years prepared himself for the work which he was attempting to do. I informed him that he could have, years ago, subscribed to his accounting course and have worked same in his spare moments. He stated that that might have been possible years ago but at the present time when he

IRELAND BOARDMAN

Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	July 1, 1934
Salary	-	\$2900.00
Efficiency Rating	-	None
Age - 25		
Married - one child		
Attorney - Yes		
Office of Preference	-	St. Paul
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 438
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	90% - missing question 60
Instructions	-	67% - missing questions 10, 72 and parts of 51, 78 and 97.

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvin:

Special Agent Boardman is a young man of good personal appearance and impresses one as being very substantial. He is now assigned to War Risk Insurance cases exclusively and has shown a grasp of the type of work indicating that he will develop into an average Agent if he would do as well on general assignment as he does on War Risk Insurance cases. He is interested in his work and applies himself diligently. I believe he is developing in a satisfactory manner.

Inspector Egan:

When I went out in the Agents' room to call this Agent in for an examination he was dictating to a stenographer, Miss Berrick. I asked him if he could leave his work for a few minutes and come in and talk with me. He told me he was getting out an expedite report on a War Risk Insurance case. This was about 4:30 in the afternoon. I told him to lay aside the report for a few moments and he could come back to it. He was in the room with me for approximately thirty or thirty-five minutes. I then watched him when he went back to his desk and he dictated to the stenographer for about four or five minutes and spent four or five minutes in conversation with her and Special Agents around his desk. It was then noted that the stenographer went home immediately and did not type the ROX report that night.

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Re - S. C. Bonetto

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finishes his day's work he is entirely too worn out to do any amount of studying. I told him that I felt he was lucky to have a position at all and that he should be very much pleased and gratified with the salary he was receiving at the present time.

This employee, in my opinion, is far below the average. As previously stated, he is only qualified on one type of work and has done nothing to qualify himself further. He is disloyal, as has been indicated on previous occasions, and in particular in Detroit under Special Assistant to the Attorney General Pratt. His work will receive close and careful supervision and if it is not entirely satisfactory it will be called to your attention.

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IRELAND BOARDMAN

Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	July 1, 1934
Salary	-	\$2900.00
Efficiency Rating	-	None
Age - 25	-	
Married - one child		
Attorney - Yes		
Office of Preference	-	St. Paul
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 436
Annual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	80% - missing question 60
Instructions	-	67% - missing questions 10, 72 and parts of 51, 78 and 87.

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Parviz:

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Re - Leland Boardman

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This Agent in my opinion will need careful and close supervision for some time to come and it is felt that his development will be slow. He was observed on one or two other occasions dictating after his examination on the Manual of Rules and Regulations and Instructions, and he appeared to loose some time in assembling his work for dictation, which would waste a stenographer's time.

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F. E. CALDWELL

Special Agent (A)

Entered on Duty	-	March, 1932
Salary	-	\$5800.00
Efficiency Rating	-	87.15%
Age - 36		
Married - 4 children		
Attorney - No		
Office of Preference	-	Chicago
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 281
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	97% - missing part of question 24.
Instructions	-	97% - missing part of question 49.

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Special Agent (A) Caldwell is of fair personal appearance and is a sincere, thorough, hard working Agent. He is not outstanding in initiative but always has the interest of the Division at heart and I believe him to be entirely loyal. He works hard and his work is generally found to be correct, but I believe him to be more of the plodding type.

Inspector Egan:

This Agent is a very good accountant. He is in my opinion above the average. He is sincere, interested, and is developing, and can be considered above the average.

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C. G. CAMPBELL

Special Agent

This Agent was on assignment at Lake Geneva and was not called to Chicago.

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Agent Campbell presents a good appearance and has shown a deep interest in the work assigned to him. He has, however, been assigned to work under former Inspector Cowley since his assignment to Chicago, with the exception of five or six weeks. I believe him to be adaptable, particularly in work requiring independent thought and action in a dangerous situation. I do not believe, however, that he would excel in handling bankruptcy or antitrust work, but with these two exceptions it is believed that he will develop into an average Agent. He is very enthusiastic and his loyalty is above the average.

Former Inspector Cowley:

This Agent is assigned to the Bremer case. He is a former police officer, young, energetic, and will develop into better than an average Agent. He is now better than average on the police type of investigation.

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H. CHAFFETZ

Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	February, 1934
Salary	-	\$2900.00
Efficiency Rating	-	78%
Age - 25		
Married - no children		
Attorney - Yes		
Office of Preference	-	None
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 247
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	85% - missing part of question 60
Instructions	-	100%

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Furvia:

Special Agent Chaffetz has been assigned to work under former Inspector Cowley, having performed very little general work since his assignment to the Chicago Office. He is an expert fingerprint man and in this connection his work has been found to be very good.

Former Inspector Cowley:

This Agent is assigned to the Gillis case. He is willing, of good appearance, but not generally liked by his fellow Agents. He has a tendency to consider himself a little superior and is possibly a little tricky. He has been assigned at an apartment with a woman witness, along with Agent Quindry, and he and Agent Quindry had the lady call up and ask permission to go out of town over the week-end to visit relatives so that he and Agent Quindry could get home over the week-end also. Inspector Cowley stated that he had not taken this up with these Agents because he was waiting until the assignment was completed and then he was going to tell them about it. The first time he allowed the witness to go away over the week-end but when she called the second time she informed Mr. Cowley that it was the desire of the Agents and not her desire, as she did not wish to be living off of her relatives for a couple of days each week. Therefore, Inspector Cowley refused her permission to go out of town after that. Inspector Cowley further felt that this man was useful as a fingerprint man.

Inspector Egan:

This Agent is active, aggressive, and intelligent, and I believe above the average as a Special Agent, but he does need close supervision.

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T. J. CONNOR

Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	As clerk, June 1931 As agent, June 1932
Salary	-	\$5300.00
Efficiency Rating	-	85%
Age - 28		
Single		
Attorney - Yes		
Office of Preference	-	Washington or New York
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 313
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	95% - missing part of question 85
Instructions	-	100%

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Connor is a young man above the average in personal appearance, with a very pleasing personality. He has a good working knowledge of the Division. He applies himself diligently at all times. I have noted his attitude in a dangerous situation and found that he functions in a satisfactory manner. He appears to be courageous. He is now assigned to work in the Milwaukee district with a view to making him Resident Agent at that point if his work is satisfactory during the next several weeks. Considering him as a whole, I believe his work is above average.

Inspector Egan:

This employee answered the questions on the Manual rapidly and fully. It is believed that he has developed rapidly and can be considered better than an average Special Agent.

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A. H. CROWL

## Special Agent (A)

Entered on Duty	-	March, 1932
Salary	-	\$5,500.00
Efficiency Rating	-	90.5%
Age - 32		
Married - one child		
Attorney - No		
Office of Preference	-	Chicago or Kansas City
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 298
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	100%
Instructions	-	100%

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Special Agent (A) Crowl is a young man of good personal appearance, of very serious demeanor, methodical and meticulous. His work is generally very neat and satisfactory. He has a good knowledge of accountancy and the work of the Division.

Inspector Egan:

This employee in my opinion has developed very rapidly in the past six or eight months. His work has been entirely satisfactory. He can handle any type of investigation and can be considered above average.

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W. J. DEVEREAUX

Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	March, 1930
Salary	-	\$3600.00
Efficiency Rating	-	92.5%
Age - 38		
Married - no children		
Attorney - Yes		
Office of Preference	-	Chicago
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 280
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	95% - missing parts of questions 85 and 95.
Instructions	-	68% - missing question 136 and part of 59.

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Special Agent Devereaux is assigned as Resident Agent at South Bend, Indiana. He has a great deal of native intelligence and his working knowledge of the work of Division is good. He performs his work generally in a satisfactory fashion. He is well liked at South Bend and that vicinity and I have no complaint on his work as Resident Agent. It is contemplated that some time in the future he might be brought back to Chicago and replaced as Resident Agent at South Bend in order to increase the efficiency of the Chicago Office but this action will have to be held in abeyance. Considering his work as a whole he is above average.

Inspector Egan:

This Agent advised that since September, 1932, he has been Resident Agent at South Bend and he would like to be relieved and returned to the Chicago district. He stated he wanted to remain in Chicago because he likes to work for Special Agent in Charge Purvis as this Agent in Charge does not keep after him but lets him handle his own work in his own way. This Agent I believe is qualified on any class of investigation and can be considered better than average.

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J. B. DICKERSON

Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	February, 1934
Salary	-	\$2900.00
Efficiency Rating	-	88.85%
Age - 26		
Single		
Attorney - Yes		
Office of Preference	-	San Francisco
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 197
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	95% - missing part of question 62
Instructions	-	95% - missing part of question 146

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Special Agent Dickerson has for the past many weeks been assigned exclusively to War Risk Insurance cases. His work in this respect has been very good and on one occasion the attorney handling these cases commended him for the work he is doing. I believe that this Agent is particularly adapted to War Risk Insurance cases and that he might also be adaptable to bankruptcy and antitrust cases, but I have had no opportunity to see him function in a dangerous situation and I do not believe from observing him that he would be above the average in quick, independent thought or action. He seems to be more of the plodding type, who applies himself diligently but is unable to develop along the lines mentioned above.

Inspector Egan:

This employee impressed me as being intensely interested, willing, and conscientious, and I believe with average supervision he will develop satisfactorily.

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E. F. ERICH

Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	September, 1934
Salary	-	\$2900.00
Efficiency Rating	-	None
Age - 34		
Single		
Attorney - Yes		
Office of Preference	-	Any place east of Mississippi
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 579
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	90% - missing parts of questions 20, 94 and 105.
Instructions	-	95% - missing part of question 71.

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Special Agent Erich is a new Agent, having reported at the Chicago Office on November 19, 1934.

Inspector Egan:

This Agent presents a good appearance, is aggressive, interested, willing, and I believe with proper training and supervision will develop rapidly.

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R. G. GILLESPIE

Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	January 2, 1934
Salary	-	\$5200.00
Efficiency Rating	-	85.5%
Age - 31		
Married - one child		
Attorney - Yes		
Office of Preference	-	Birmingham, New Orleans of Nashville.
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 258
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	100%
Instructions	-	100%

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Special Agent Gillespie is of good personal appearance and appears to be substantial. Recently, however, he has been in ill health caused by abscesses in his nose. He is a conscientious worker, is of the plodding type, is not a fast mover, and usually takes longer to make his statement of facts than the average Agent. He makes excellent contact with police officers and during the past few months has been working under former Inspector Cowley.

Former Inspector Cowley:

This Agent is better than the average. He is rather slow in his speech but has good judgment and initiative. He has been handicapped for the past six weeks on account of poor health. It has just been determined that he has ulcers of the stomach. He cannot do vigorous work at the present time but he is on a "plant" where his work is satisfactory.

Inspector Egan:

It is believed that this Agent can be classed as average or a little better. He appears to be interested, is quick mentally, and answered the questions on the Manual fully and completely.

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H. F. GLYNN

Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	March 5, 1930
Salary	-	\$3,500.00
Efficiency Rating	-	85.45
Age - 31		
Single		
Attorney - Yes		
Office of Preference	-	Chicago, New York
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 252
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	100%
Instructions	-	95% - missing part of question 34.

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Special Agent Glynn during the past many weeks has been engaged in the examination of judicial offices in the Northern District of Indiana. I believe that he is fitted for this type of work more than any other in view of the fact that he is a plodding worker. I do not believe that he will be able to judge employees of the United States Attorney's office or any other office examined and he is not above the average in general investigative work. I would say that he is about average. I do not believe that he is capable of any quick or independent thought or action. I believe that he is most adapted to the general type of slow investigative work.

Inspector Egan:

This Agent is of the slow, methodical, plodding type of individual who it is believed will not put forth the necessary effort to advance in the Division's work. He will give a fair day's work, however, within the required hour. He has absolutely no executive ability and appears to be satisfied with a regular routine Agent's work.

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C. B. GREANEY

Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	September 24, 1934
Salary	-	\$2800.00
Efficiency Rating	-	None
Age - 33		
Single		
Attorney - Yes		
Office of Preference	-	Boston
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 508
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	90% - missing parts of questions 54 and 74.
Instructions	-	100%

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Special Agent Greaney is a new Agent, having reported at the Chicago Office on November 19, 1934.

Inspector Egan:

This Agent appears interested, willing, asked a great many questions, and I believe that with average supervision he will develop into better than an average Agent.

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C. A. HERRING

Special Agent (A)

Entered on Duty	-	June, 1929
Salary	-	\$3500.00
Efficiency Rating	-	95%
Age - 31		
Single		
Attorney - No		
Office of Preference	-	Charlotte
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 222
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	97% - missing part of question 25
Instructions	-	100%

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Special Agent (A) Herring is of good personal appearance and has a quiet personality. He is, in my opinion, an excellent accountant and is able to direct others in accounting work. I do not believe him to be excellent in the handling of personnel but I have noticed that he has ability to direct others in accounting work generally. He applies himself and is thorough. He is qualified to handle any type of case and I believe his status to be excellent.

Inspector Egan:

This employee is a very capable accountant, willing, industrious, and works well with other accountants. He is capable, I believe, of directing the efforts of other accountants on cases to which they may be assigned.

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ROBERT H. HICKS

Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	September 24, 1934
Salary	-	\$2900.00
Efficiency Rating	-	None
Age - 33		
Single		
Attorney - Yes		
Office of Preference	-	New York
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 520
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	94% - missing parts of questions 56 and 78.
Instructions	-	90% - missing parts of questions 43, 59, and 200.

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Special Agent Hicks is a new Agent, having reported at the Chicago Office on November 19, 1934.

Inspector Egan:

This Agent just arrived at Chicago during this inspection. He indicated an intense interest in the work and a desire to improve and make progress in this work. I believe that he will develop with average supervision.

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B. N. HIRSH

Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	As clerk, February, 1932 Agent, August, 1933
Salary	-	\$3,000.00
Last Efficiency Rating	-	85.35%
Age - 26		
Married - no children		
Attorney - Yes		
Office of Preference	-	None
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 200
Annual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	100%
Instructions	-	96% - missing part of question 25.

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

During the past several months Special Agent Hirsh has been engaged on investigations involving Civil Works Administration cases. He is of fair personal appearance but has very little personality. He is slow worker and it has been necessary on occasions to talk to him about this characteristic. He does not appear to be overly energetic. I believe him to be somewhat below the average. He is not at all what one might consider a good man to assign to any case involving danger.

Inspector Egan:

This employee is willing but he does not seem to be able to analyze his cases and make the investigation promptly. During this inspection it was noted that on several occasions he spent almost the entire day studying files on Civil Works Administration cases. He is lacking in initiative and aggressiveness I believe, but with proper supervision and some assistance I think that he will develop. However, he needs close and careful supervision at the present time, which I feel he is not receiving in the Chicago Office.

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H. E. HOLLIS

Former Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	August 27, 1927
Salary	-	\$4,000.00
Efficiency Rating	-	93%
Age - 51		
Married - one child		
Attorney - Yes		
Office of Preference	-	Portland
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 455
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	100%
Instructions	-	90% - missing question 66

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Special Agent Hollis during the past several months has been assigned to work under former Inspector Cowley. I have, therefore, not been able to observe any of his work in detail. I have noted, however, that he displays an excellent interest in his work. He has applied himself diligently and has performed a very large amount of overtime work. He has a great deal of native intelligence and I believe him to be in the excellent class.

Former Inspector Cowley:

Agent Hollis is assigned to the Gillis case. He is a good all-around Agent, better than the average on all types of cases. He is a good undercover man and makes good contacts. I believe him to be loyal and he puts in a great deal of overtime work.

Inspector Egan:

My own opinion is that this Agent was interested, willing, and a capable worker.

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C. O. HURT

Special Agent

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Special Agent Hurt since his assignment to the Chicago Office has been assigned exclusively to work under former Inspector Cowley and I have consequently not been able to observe any of his work.

Former Inspector Cowley:

This Agent is assigned to the Braxer case. He is excellent on the police type of investigation. He is calm, deliberate and fearless, but I do not believe he will qualify on bankruptcy or antitrust work. He is an excellent undercover man and makes contact readily with underworld characters.

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CHARLES JENKINS

Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	July 1, 1915
Salary	-	\$5100.00
Last Efficiency Rating	-	84.6%
Age - 58		
Married - one boy		
Attorney - Yes		
Office of Preference	-	Chicago
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 891
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	81% - missing question 114 and parts of 62, 75, & 94.
Instructions	-	75% - missing question 75 and parts of 27, 107, and 148.

CommentsSpecial Agent in Charge Purvies:

Special Agent Jenkins has been in the service for many years. He is of the jovial, affable type and generally meets people in a very good manner. He has good contacts among law enforcement officials. I believe Jenkins to be about average. He is entirely loyal and applies himself in a satisfactory manner. Considering him as a whole, I believe his status to be average.

Inspector Egan:

This employee in my opinion is slow. He needs more than average supervision. He is not outstanding in any line of Division work. I would say that his status is only fair. He is dependable and interested.

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A. H. JOHNSON

Special Agent (A)

Entered on Duty	-	June, 1929
Salary	-	\$5600.00
Efficiency Rating	-	94.05%
Age - 35		
Married - one child		
Attorney - No		
Office of Preference	-	Chicago
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 299
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	100%
Instructions	-	95% - missing part of question 146.

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

This Agent is of good personal appearance and is a substantial Agent. He applies himself diligently at all times, has a very analytical mind and is loyal and dependable. On many occasions I have used him in a supervisory capacity in the Chicago Office, particularly in accounting and audit work, and he has exhibited executive ability of above the average. I believe he is fully capable to handle any type of investigation and also to direct the efforts of others.

Inspector Egan:

I concur in the above statement of Agent in Charge Purvis and believe that Agent Johnson is one of the best accountants in the service at the present time.

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R. L. JONES

Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	June, 1934
Salary	-	\$2900.00
Efficiency Rating	-	80.55%
Age - 38		
Married - 3 children		
Attorney - No		
Office of Preference	-	Dallas, Texas.
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 178
Manual Tester:		
Rules and Regulations	-	95% - missing part of question 82.
Instructions	-	100%

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

This Agent since his assignment to the Chicago Office has been working exclusively under former Inspector Cowley and I, consequently, am unable to make any definite statement concerning his ability.

Former Inspector Cowley:

This Agent is assigned to the Bremer case. He is a former police officer of Dallas, Texas. He is better than average on the police type of work, in fact, he is superior to the average new Agent. I am not of the opinion, however, that he will develop on all classes of Division work, but he may possibly. His work is entirely satisfactory and he has had no general assignment since coming to Chicago.

Inspector Egan:

This employee presents a very good appearance. He is willing, interested, and I believe very capable and with training will possibly develop on the general investigation work of the Division.

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LEONARD JUSKOW

Special Agent (A)

Entered on Duty	-	March 19, 1934
Salary	-	\$2800.00
Efficiency Rating	-	55.1%
Age - 27		
Married - one child		
Attorney - No		
Office of Preference	-	New York City
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 39
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	90% - missing question 46
Instructions	-	90% - missing question 58

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

This Agent has recently completed his three months period of investigative work and has been assigned to accounting work. In both types of cases he exhibited a satisfactory development and knowledge of the work of the Division. He has performed his work with vigor. He appears to be thorough, aggressive, and dependable and I believe his development will be satisfactory.

Inspector Egan:

I concur in the statements of the Agent in Charge, with the exception that I believe his development will be rather slow, as he is slow mentally and very methodical.

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R. A. KNITTLE

Special Agent (A)

Entered on Duty	-	November 18, 1931
Salary	-	\$3,500.00
Efficiency Rating	-	87.7%
Age - 29		
Married - no children		
Attorney - No		
Office of Preference	-	Denver
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 226
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	100%
Instructions	-	90% - missing question 53

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Knittle is of good personal appearance and is a substantial, thorough and dependable employee. He is loyal and has performed his work in an entirely satisfactory manner. I believe he is an asset to the service.

Inspector Egan:

This employee is intelligent, willing and conscientious, a hard and rapid worker, and above average.

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E. E. KUHNEL

## Special Agent (A)

Entered on Duty	-	May, 1934
Salary	-	\$2900.00
Efficiency Rating	-	76%
Age - 31		
Married - no children		
Attorney - No		
Office of Preference	-	San Antonio
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 446
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	85% - missing question 59 and part of 86.
Instructions	-	95% - missing part of question 19

CommentsSpecial Agent in Charge Purvis:

This Agent has a good substantial appearance and is very serious in his attitude toward the work. He has improved his knowledge rapidly and I believe he is developing in a satisfactory fashion. He has not been assigned to the Chicago Office very long but the work he has done on a bank case was very good. From my limited observation of him I believe he is developing satisfactorily.

Inspector Egan:

This employee in my opinion is average or better. He is quick, intelligent and of good appearance and should be a valuable asset to the Division in a short time.

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G. R. LaFRANCE

## Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	April, 1934
Salary	-	\$3,000.00
Efficiency Rating	-	80.5%
Age - 26		
Married - one child		
Attorney - Yes		
Office of Preference	-	New Orleans
Commission Card and Case-		Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 416
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	65% - missing questions 49, 50 and parts of 47, 55, 95 and 105.
Instructions	-	73% - missing question 71 and parts of 27, 59, & 65.

CommentsSpecial Agent in Charge Furvin:

Special Agent LaFrance since his assignment here has been working under former Inspector Cowley and consequently I am unable to make any definite statement about his work during the past several months. However, when he was first on general assignment he impressed me as being a very slow individual and one who was slow in catching on. However, I have been informed by Mr. Cowley that he has developed in a satisfactory manner.

Former Inspector Cowley:

Agent LaFrance is assigned to the Gillis case. He has an insignificant personality, is a willing, conscientious worker, and has developed during the past three months. He was slow in getting started. He is courageous, puts in considerable overtime work, and his progress will be slow. He will develop into a better than average Agent but will take more time.

Inspector Egan:

This Agent presents, I would say, only a fair personal appearance. I do not believe that he is average on general assignment. He may have been satisfactory on special work. He informed me that he has not looked at his manual for the past five months. I consider him below average as a Special Agent.

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H. O. LESTAGE

Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	July 30, 1934
Salary	-	\$2900.00
Efficiency Rating	-	None
Age - 27		
Married - no children		
Attorney - Yes		
Office of Preference	-	New Orleans or the South
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 496
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	90% - missing question 76
Instructions	-	65% - missing parts of questions 43, 59, 71 & 79.

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Special Agent Lestage has been assigned exclusively to War Risk Insurance cases during the past many weeks. He has performed cases of this kind in a satisfactory fashion and has exhibited an interest in his work. He is of a substantial personal appearance and is not at all flighty. I believe that he is developing satisfactorily for one of his length of service.

Inspector Egan:

It is believed that this Agent will develop if he receives training and careful and close supervision. He appears to be very methodical.

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N. R. LORRY

Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	May 25, 1934
Salary	-	\$2800.00
Efficiency Rating	-	84.4%
Age - 29		
Married - one child		
Attorney - Yes		
Office of Preference	-	Philadelphia
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 449
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	85% - missing parts of questions 38, 49 and 59.
Instructions	-	85% - missing question 202 and part of 68.

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Special Agent Lorry has during the past few weeks been performing investigative work exclusively on War Risk Insurance cases. He has approached this work with vigor and resolution and during the past few weeks I have noted an improvement in his work. At first there was an indication of a lack of forcefulness but since my discussion of this matter with this Agent he has improved considerably. He has an analytical mind and I believe he is developing in a very satisfactory fashion for one of his length of service.

Inspector Egan:

This Agent impressed me as being quick, intelligent, and willing, and I believe that he could be considered at this time as about an average Agent.

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J. P. McCARTHY

Special Agent

This Agent left Chicago shortly after this inspection started, on subpoena to Montana. Therefore, no opportunity was offered to give him an interview or examination on the Bureau.

Special Agent in Charge Purvis makes the following statement regarding this employee:-

Special Agent McCarthy since his assignment to the Chicago Office has been assigned to the so-called position of Number Two man. In this capacity it was first intended that he would supervise the bankruptcy work in the Chicago Office. However, in view of the situations which arose here, the general work of all types was divided between Special Agent McCarthy and Agent Zinsler.

Agent McCarthy has not exhibited the interest in his work which I believe should be displayed by one occupying his position. He has allowed many errors to go uncorrected. I have noted on many occasions that at six o'clock or 6:30 in the evening, when I called for Mr. McCarthy, he was gone. He has performed little or no overtime work and is seldom seen at the office on Sundays or any time out of office hours. I recently assigned the Stoll kidnaping case to Mr. McCarthy for the purpose of determining if there was some way to have him do some overtime work, in view of the fact that all other employees were working overtime.

I believe when he arrived here he had some native intelligence and I believe that he has a good background, but he has not applied himself as diligently as should be expected for one given the opportunity which was given to him. I have noted, personally, some argumentativeness on the part of this employee and on some occasions after a thorough discussion of a matter in which he maintained a different opinion, and after the matter had been decided in a way adverse to his opinion, he shrugged his shoulders and shook his head in a way indicating that he would carry out the instructions but did not think they were right. I, of course, appreciate that he should give his suggestions, but after a

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decision is arrived at by the Agent in Charge that should end the matter. In observing the work of this employee during the time when overtime work was absolutely necessary on the part of all employees, I found he was not performing overtime work at all commensurate with that of the others. He appeared particularly anxious to leave the office in the afternoon within at least an hour after five o'clock.

I recommend that whenever the Division finds it possible to do so he be transferred to some smaller office and that a better supervisor be sent to Chicago to occupy the position which he now has.

Inspector Egan

During this inspection a number of items on the first day were called to the attention of Special Agent McCarthy and they were errors in the tickler box, road box, etc. He did not seem to be able to take this criticism and would offer a number of excuses which could not be accepted. On the first day of this inspection he left the Chicago Office as early as possible. He did not report on Sunday, and on Monday he left for Montana. This Agent's attitude, in my opinion, is entirely different from when he was assigned at Washington and I do not believe he should be placed in a supervisory capacity. I do believe also that the Agent in Charge should have found the errors in his work previous to the time of this inspection and so have advised the Division.

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Chicago Office,  
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T. M. McDADE

Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	July 30, 1934
Salary	-	\$2900.00
Efficiency Rating	-	None
Age - 27		
Single		
Attorney - Yes		
Office of Preference	-	None
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 471
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	90% - missing parts of questions 81 and 151.
Instructions	-	80% - missing questions 10 and 58.

CommentsSpecial Agent in Charge Purvis:

Practically all of the time since Agent McDade's assignment to the Chicago Office he has been assigned to work under former Inspector Cowley and consequently I have been unable to observe his work in detail.

Former Inspector Cowley:

This Agent is assigned to the Bremer case. He has had no experience whatsoever on general assignment. He is young, of the collegiate type, willing and industrious, and puts in overtime. His work has been satisfactory but he needs supervision and I believe he will develop into better than an average Agent.

Inspector Egan:

This Agent it is felt has possibilities if he receives proper supervision.

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Chicago Office,  
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K. R. McIntire

## Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	November 18, 1951
Salary	-	\$3500.00
Efficiency Rating	-	89.75%
Age - 28		
Married - one child		
Attorney - Yes		
Office of Preference	-	San Francisco
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 287
Manual tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	93% - missing part of question 87.
Instructions	-	100%

CommentsSpecial Agent in Charge Purvis:

During the past several months Special Agent McIntire has been engaged in work under former Inspector Cowley. However, prior to Mr. Cowley's arrival here I had occasion to observe the work and attitude of this employee when he was placed in charge of the files in the Bremer case which indicated they would become very voluminous. Because of the fact that he is meticulous and somewhat methodical, I do not believe he is capable of supervising the work of others.

Former Inspector Cowley:

Special Agent McIntire is on the Bremer case. He is better than an average Agent. He is able to keep up his enthusiasm under any set of circumstances but believes that he is better qualified for general investigative work rather than police type of work.

Inspector Egan:

This Agent in my opinion is qualified for any type of investigative work and can be classed as better than an average Agent.

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S. K. McKEE

SPECIAL AGENT

Special Agent in Charge Porvis:

During the past many months Special Agent McKee has been working under former Inspector Cowley. However, I have had occasion to observe this employee and I found that he has applied himself at all times. He functions in an excellent fashion in a dangerous and close situation. He is in my opinion an excellent Special Agent, qualified to handle all types of investigation. He has at times discussed with me the unfortunate occurrence in the New York Office of which the Division is aware and has expressed on several occasions the fact that he is extremely sorry that he became involved in such a matter. I believe his attitude is excellent and he is loyal to the Division. It is possible that after his release from his present assignment the Division might desire to consider him for additional responsibilities. He is very adept and expert in the questioning of suspects.

Former Inspector Cowley:

This Agent is assigned to the Gillis case at Twin Lakes, Wisconsin. He is a vigorous, energetic Agent and an excellent investigator. He can be considered in the upper five percent of the Agents of the Division. He has confidence in himself, the only handicap being that he is a little immature in his judgment at times.

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J. T. McLAUGHLIN

Special Agent

Former Inspector Cowley:

This Agent is assigned to the Gillis case at Reno, Nevada. He is slow but I believe him to be loyal. He is a fair investigator and I consider him about average. He has a tendency to whine, talks of the hardships of being sent around the country and of being sent without notice to Chicago, and I do not believe him to have any executive ability.

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JOHN MADALA

Special Agent (A)

Entered on Duty - As a Clerk, October, 1930  
As Agent, January, 1933  
Salary - \$3,000.00  
Efficiency Rating - 87.55%  
Age - 25  
Attorney - No  
Married - no children  
Office of Preference - Chicago  
Commission Card and Case - Satisfactory  
Badge examined - No. 279  
Manual Tests:  
Rules and Regulations - 89% - missing parts of questions  
56, 94, and 115  
Instructions - 100%

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Special Agent (A) Madala has during the past many months been assigned to work under former Inspector Cowley and, consequently, I have had no opportunity to observe his work in detail. He has performed very little accounting work since his arrival in the Chicago district, particularly because he is familiar with certain contacts in the Dillinger case. I have noted, however, that he works hard and long and applies himself diligently at all times and I believe that he would prefer to be a Special Agent rather than a Special Agent (A).

Former Inspector Cowley:

Agent Madala is on the Bremer case. He is young, energetic, loyal, and with additional experience will be far better than an average Agent. In approximately two years he will be one of the outstanding Agents in the service in my opinion. He puts in more overtime than anyone else in this office.

Inspector Egan:

Madala is a hard working, interested, conscientious, loyal employee, above average and his possibilities of future development with the Division are very good in my opinion.

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A. D. HEHEGAN

## Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	March 22, 1922
Salary	-	\$3500.00
Efficiency Rating	-	88.05%
Age - 47		
Married - no children		
Attorney - No		
Office of Preference	-	Chicago
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 204
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	100%
Instructions	-	100%

CommentsSpecial Agent in Charge Purvis:

Special Agent Hehegan is a methodical, plodding, meticulous type. On occasions it has been necessary to make him dictate instead of writing his reports in longhand. On occasions when I have observed him writing notes in the office which appeared to be longhand notes I have discussed this matter with him and he has discontinued the practice. He has been doing a great deal of work on theft from interstate shipment cases and his contacts have been excellent with police and railroad officials. He is regarded highly by these officials. He turns out a satisfactory amount of work and I believe him to be above the average and satisfactory in all respects.

Inspector Egan:

It is believed that this Agent is a little slower than the average and poor on dictation but he is a hard, steady worker, interested in his work and, I believe, doing satisfactory work at the present time.

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J. J. NYTCALFE

Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	November, 1951
Salary	-	\$3600.00
Efficiency Rating	-	90.55
Age - 28		
Married - one child		
Attorney - Yes		
Office of Preference	-	Portland
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 235
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	100%
Instructions	-	90% - missing question 57.

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

This Agent is a young man small in stature and he presents a rather ordinary personal appearance. He, however, is not what his appearance would indicate generally. I believe him to be possessed of a good amount of native intelligence and to have a good working knowledge of the work of the Division. He is enthusiastic about his work and on occasion has requested permission to cancel personal engagements to be assigned to some work in which he is vitally interested. He applies himself diligently and I believe, considering this employee as a whole, his status is above average.

Former Inspector Cowley:

This Agent is assigned to the Gillis case. He is energetic, industrious, and has initiative. He has a good appearance and is better than the average Agent, and I recommend that when this case is completed he be given experience at the Division where he can be observed, as I believe he has possibilities.

Inspector Egan:

This employee, in my opinion, has developed in the past year and he, in all probability, has possibilities of further development.

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T. F. MULLIN

## Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	September, 1917
Salary	-	\$3500.00
Efficiency Rating	-	88.8%
Age 47		
Married - 2 children		
Attorney - No		
Office of Preference	-	Chicago
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 207
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	95% - missing part of question 55.
Instructions	-	100%

CommentsSpecial Agent in Charge Purvis:

Special Agent Mullin has been in the service of the Division for many years. He has at times indicated that he would not progress at all but recently, during the past many months, he has been applying himself very diligently. He has made some good contacts in Northern Indiana, although very little of value has resulted therefrom. His general work is satisfactory and I believe his services should be used for general work with the exception of bankruptcy and antitrust, which I do not believe he is fully qualified to perform. He has good contacts with police officials in this area and has applied himself diligently. Considering him as a whole I believe his status to be good and that he is loyal.

Inspector Egan:

Agent Mullin is one of the old type of Agents. He appears to be willing, industrious and conscientious but limited on account of lack of education to ever develop into what I would consider above the average Agent.

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J. V. MURPHY

Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	March, 1924
Salary	-	As Agent, October, 1924
Efficiency Rating	-	\$2700.00
Age - 39	-	87.75%
Married - one child		
Attorney - No		
Office of Preference	-	San Antonio
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 166
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	100%
Instructions	-	96% - missing part of question 148.

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Furvis:

This Agent has been in the service for many years. He is of the quiet type and seldom has much to say. I believe he is able to handle most types of investigation in a satisfactory manner but I do not believe him to be outstanding. He has ability to take shorthand and do typing and generally he is found to be dependable and his output of work is satisfactory.

Inspector Egan:

This Agent advised during the interview that he desired to return to his family in San Antonio when he could be released from the Stoll case. This Agent can be considered, I believe, about average. He needs some supervision.

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W. S. MURPHY

Special Agent (A)

Entered on Duty	-	May, 1929
Salary	-	\$3870.00
Efficiency Rating	-	88.15
Age - 33		
Married - no children		
Attorney - No		
Office of Preference	-	None
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 294
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	92% - missing parts of questions 77 and 82.
Instructions	-	90% - missing question 70.

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Furvis:

This employee, I believe, is an excellent accountant. He is loyal, dependable, and has an excellent attitude. He is able to perform any type of investigative work and, considering him as a whole, I believe his status to be excellent. He is able to direct the activities of other accountants and his work has been of value since his assignment to the Chicago Office.

Inspector Egan:

This employee is an excellent accountant, capable, willing, industrious and aggressive. He can handle any type of investigative work well with other accountants, and is capable of directing the efforts of others on accounting investigative work.

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A. A. MUZZEY

Special Agent

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Special Agent Muzzey for the past several months has been assigned to work under former Inspector Cowley and consequently I have been unable to observe his work.

Former Inspector Cowley:

This Agent is assigned to the Gillis case at Huncie. He is young, energetic, is willing, and has made wonderful development in the past two months. He has had no general assignment work. He is of good appearance and will develop into better than an average agent.

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T. E. MYERS

## Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	As Clerk, November, 1933 As Agent, May, 1934
Salary	-	\$2900.00
Efficiency Rating	-	86.5%
Age - 29		
Single		
Attorney - Yes		
Office of Preference	-	New York, Philadelphia, Boston
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 450
Annual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	66% - missing question 40 and parts of 56, 52, 55, 108.
Instructions	-	61% - missing questions 71, 108, 119 and parts of 27, 59, 82.

CommentsSpecial Agent in Charge Purvin:

Special Agent Myers has been assigned exclusively to bankruptcy almost the entire time since his arrival at the Chicago Office. He appears to be enthusiastic and for one with his length of service I believe he has developed in an entirely satisfactory manner.

Inspector Egan:

This Agent, in my opinion, is far below the average. It is not believed that he is intelligent or that he has an analytical mind. He is one of the type who would rather bluff his way through than know his subject. I consider him below the average and he will need a good deal of close and careful supervision to make any development whatever in my opinion.

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Chicago Office,  
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L. D. NICHOLS

Special Agent

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Special Agent Nichols is at present absent from the Chicago district working on the Gillis case. He has been working under Inspector Cowley recently, but prior to that time I observed his work and found it to be satisfactory. I believe him to be a substantial person and he is an expert wire man.

Former Inspector Cowley:

This Agent is on the Gillis case at Stockton, California. He is a good man on the police type of work and is a good wire tapper. His appearance is against him, however, and he would never develop into an excellent Agent, but he might be considered as an average Agent.

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J. E. NUGENT

Special Agent (A)

Entered on Duty	-	April, 1951
Salary	-	\$3,000.00
Efficiency Rating	-	86.65%
Age - 26		
Attorney - No		
Married - no children		
Office of Preference	-	Philadelphia
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 175
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	100%
Instructions	-	61% - missing question 57 and part of 59, 146 and 189.

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Nugent is youthful in appearance but seems to have a good knowledge of accountancy and the work of the Division. During the past several weeks he has been engaged in examination of the judicial offices in the Northern District of Indiana and I have not had occasion to observe his work other than this. I believe, however, that he is a very good accountant and his work is satisfactory.

Inspector Egan:

This employee is willing, interested, a capable accountant, and I believe has developed satisfactorily. I would consider him better than an average Special Agent (A).

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Chicago Office,  
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GLENN A. PAULSON

## Special Agent (A)

Entered on Duty	-	May, 1926
Salary	-	\$5600.00
Efficiency Rating	-	83.3%
Age - 40		
Married - one child		
Attorney - No		
Office of Preference	-	Portland
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	183
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	96% - missing part of question 12.
Instructions	-	90% - missing parts of questions 19 and 22.

CommentsSpecial Agent in Charge Purvis:

Special Agent (A) Paulson has only been in the Chicago Office for a short time and has now submitted a ten day report on a mail fraud case to which he is assigned. I have not observed his work in detail since his arrival here but he has previously been a slow accountant and from estimates given by him of the time necessary to complete a case on which he is assigned, it is possible that the estimate is too long. An examination of this case is being made at the present time to determine if the matter cannot be completed at an earlier date. He is a methodical, plodding, not at all rapid worker. I believe him to be satisfactory but not above average.

Inspector Egan:

This Agent is extremely slow and technical. He is not average in my opinion; needs close and careful supervision. The case to which he is assigned at the present time is a mail fraud case on which the Post Office Inspectors have submitted a report. I caused a survey to be made of this case, due to the fact that he informed that he and Special Agent Beckstead were the only accountants who could be used on this case. It was found that he was working in one room of less than three hundred square feet and that two other people were working in this room. It was suggested that the Federal Judge who was interested in this case have the trustee provide more space or make arrangements to have the books brought to the Chicago Office for inspection, as one of the persons in the room where the

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accountants were working was a former employee of the bankrupt concern and was now in the bankrupt's employ and knew exactly what records and information the accountants were obtaining. After an interview with the Judge he immediately instructed the Trustee to turn the books and records over to the Agents of the Chicago Office so they could be examined in privacy and so that additional accountants could be assigned to close up the investigation. It was also determined during this survey that Agent Paulson contemplated interviewing the salesman and sales manager of this corporation which was being investigated. I asked him his reason for this and he stated he wanted to find out what representations they had made to the public. I told him that his duties on a mail fraud investigation consisted of accounting investigations and not interviews and henceforth to confine himself to accounting work and that only. After the Trustee had informed him that he could take the books and records to the Federal Building, he came to Mr. Purvis' office to secure permission to hire a truck to haul the records to the Division office. It was suggested to him that instead of paying this money for trucking, the Post Office Inspectors should furnish a mail truck for this work as this was their case.

The above indicates the lack of knowledge on the part of this employee regarding his own work and his efforts in every instance to delay investigations to which he is assigned. He is now under transfer to the St. Louis Office and it was decided to put two more accountants on this case when the books and records were received at the Chicago Office.

I consider him below the average as an Agent, needing close and careful supervision, for he will not confine his inquiry to the work in hand but will try to take in each and every angle and attempt to do all of the work himself in a slow and methodical manner.

Report of Inspector J. S. Egan,  
Chicago Office,  
November 17th to 27th, 1934.

Y. K. PETERSON

## Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	December 1, 1930
Salary	-	\$4000.00
Last Efficiency Rating	-	95.83%
Age - 30		
Married - no children		
Attorney - Yes		
Office of Preference	-	None
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 872
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	96% - missing parts of questions 55 and 75
Instructions	-	94% - Missing part of question 25.

CommentsSpecial Agent in Charge Furvis:

Special Agent Peterson has for the past many months been working under former Inspector Cowley in a supervisory capacity. Prior to that time, however, I had occasion to observe his work more closely than at the present time and it is my opinion that Agent Peterson is an excellent desk man and supervisor. He is very careful in details and has maintained the file in the Dillinger case in excellent fashion. He is a real hard worker and has probably performed as much overtime work as any one in the Chicago Office. I believe that he has executive ability but his appearance, because of his health, I believe, is not outstanding. Concerning this employee as a whole, I believe he is an excellent supervisor and is able to handle any kind of a situation.

Former Inspector Cowley:

Peterson is an excellent supervisor, a good investigator, and is more adaptable to the assignment of general cases and the police type of work. He follows instructions to the letter and I believe that he is qualified as a Special Agent in Charge for one of the smaller offices.

Inspector Egan:

This employee, in my opinion, is fully qualified to handle an office or would make an excellent Number One man for the Chicago Office. He has intelligence, ability, and judgment and I believe that he can handle personnel in a satisfactory manner.

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M. B. RHODES

Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	April, 1925
Salary	-	\$3200.00
Last Efficiency Rating	-	66.95%
Age - 36		
Single		
Attorney - Yes		
Office of Preference	-	St. Louis
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 261
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	85% - missing question 60 and part of 36
Instructions	-	100%

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Special Agent Rhodes is a plodding type of Special Agent, of fair personal appearance. For the past few weeks he has been assigned exclusively to bankruptcy work and I believe that he is particularly adapted to bankruptcy and antitrust work, more than he is to other types of investigations. I have talked with this Agent on several occasions and he has indicated a desire to perform better work and requested suggestions as to how he might do so and how he might regain his former salary status. He has applied himself very diligently and I believe his work as a whole is entirely satisfactory.

Inspector Egan:

In an interview Agent Rhodes informed me that his salary had been cut from \$3700.00 to \$2900.00 but he had now worked back to \$3200.00, and informed me that he is trying extremely hard to do the work in a satisfactory manner and he believes that a review of his work will indicate that he is trying extremely hard.

This employee, in my opinion, is of a slow, plodding type of Agent who is willing to put forth as much effort as it necessary only. I question his loyalty at times. I believe that he is receiving sufficient salary at the present time.

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Chicago Office,  
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J. R. SCHULZ

Special Agent (A)

Entered on Duty	-	February, 1934
Salary	-	\$3,000.00
Efficiency Rating	-	74.25%
Age - 37		
Single		
Attorney - Yes		
Office of Preference	-	Chicago
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 251
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	75% - missing questions 60, 105 and part of 86.
Instructions	-	74% - missing question 71 and parts of 19, 49, 59, 65 and 70.

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Special Agent (A) Schulz is an employee of fair personal appearance, large of stature. He does not make a good impression on others and has, on the contrary, an ability to antagonize people. I have received information to the effect that he is not as diligent in application to his work as he might be. I also believe this employee to be lacking in judgment and lacking in a sense of proportion. I do not believe he is ever going to be able to perform even average work and his services are not satisfactory.

Inspector Egan:

This employee in my opinion presents a good appearance. He is absolutely lacking in judgment. While assigned to assist other employees I understand he does a great deal of talking and keeps them from their work. I was informed by one employee of the Chicago Office that this accountant informed him he was staying with the Division only so long as it would take him to secure another position at \$6,000.00 per year. He has been able, he stated, to get other positions but they do not pay the salary he demands. I think the services of this employee could be dispensed with as I do not believe he is going to make the proper development, be amenable to discipline, or that his judgment will ever be any better, as he is now 37 years of age.

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Chicago Office,  
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H. L. SCOTT

Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	April, 1917
Salary	-	\$3600.00
Efficiency Rating	-	84.1%
Age - 51		
Married - no children		
Attorney - Yes		
Office of Preference	-	Los Angeles
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 840
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	88% - missing questions 86 and part of 82.
Instructions	-	100%

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

This Special Agent has been in the service for some length of time. He has been in very poor health during practically all of the past year and during his recent illness it was necessary to have two blood transfusions. Consequently, I have assigned him to office interviews so far as possible with complainants, who submit their complaints to this office, and to general leads of an ordinary nature in the near vicinity of the office. He performs his work in a satisfactory fashion but, of course, his output is handicapped by reason of his health.

I have received information that during my absence and when Special Agent McCarthy left Chicago on subpoena, Special Agent Scott was assigned to the Number Two desk and was engaged in reading outgoing reports. This, of course, was contrary to my instructions, as I had never intended using Agent Scott in this capacity, and this has been discontinued. I believe Agent Scott is satisfactory in interviewing complainants and in conducting ordinary general investigative work. I do not believe he is capable of any work of an outstanding nature.

Inspector Egan:

In connection with the above statement, when Special Agent Scott was placed on Agent McCarthy's desk, I spoke to Agent Zimmer about this and he stated that for some time they have been training Special Agent Scott for this work. On inquiry of Agent Scott by Mr. Ladd it was found that he has previously worked on McCarthy's desk during McCarthy's absence from the office, so, therefore, if the statement of Mr. Purvis above is true, at some other time when Mr. Purvis was away from the office this man has acted on the Number Two desk. With- standing, during my discussion of this matter with Mr. Purvis he told Agent Zimmer to discontinue this practice at once and never to assign Agent Scott to any supervisory work.

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S. C. SIMON

Special Agent (A)

Entered on Duty	-	March, 1926
Salary	-	\$3600.00
Efficiency Rating	-	89.4%
Age - 44		
Married - one child		
Attorney - No		
Office of Preference	-	Washington, D. C.
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 56
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	100%
Instructions	-	100%

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

The work of Special Agent (A) Simon since his arrival in the Chicago Office has been confined to the Insull case. His work in this respect has been very good. He has a good knowledge of accounting and of the work of the Division. I believe him to be loyal, thorough and dependable and his status should be excellent.

Inspector Egan:

This employee is an excellent accountant, qualified in all types of investigative work, is willing, interested and dependable, and, I think, above the average.

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R. C. SURAN

## Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	September, 1930
Salary	-	\$5800.00
Efficiency Rating	-	90%
Age - 29		
Married - one child		
Attorney - Yes		
Office of Preference	-	Oklahoma City
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 580
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	100%
Instructions	-	95% - missing part of question 97.

CommentsSpecial Agent in Charge Purvis:

Special Agent Suran has been engaged on the Kansas City massacre case during the past several months, doing the work under former Inspector Cowley. However, prior to that time I had occasion to observe his work and I believe him to be a man of good native intelligence. He is tenacious and thorough, is vitally interested in his work, and performs his work diligently. He is above the average.

Former Inspector Cowley:

This Agent is assigned to the Kansas City massacre case. He has turned out good work, has initiative, is vigorous and energetic, can handle any type of investigation, and I believe him to be willing, loyal, and industrious.

Inspector Egan:

This employee in my opinion can be classed as better than an average Agent. He is aggressive, willing and, I feel, loyal.

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A. E. SWEENEY

Special Agent (A)

Entered on Duty	-	First, September 1950 Reappointed, February 1954
Salary	-	\$5200.00
Efficiency Rating	-	89.15%
Age - 29		
Single		
Attorney - No		
Office of Preference	-	Washington or Chicago
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 209
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	85% - missing part of question 82
Instructions	-	90% - missing question 136.

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Special Agent (A) Sweeney is a young man of sincere and substantial appearance, although he does not appear to be at all above the average in health. However, he has a good accounting knowledge and a good knowledge of the work of the Division. I believe him to be above the average in these respects and he is loyal and dependable.

Inspector Egan:

This employee is by far, I believe, one of the best accountants at the Chicago Office at the present time. He is intensely interested in the work, is willing, conscientious, and better than an average Agent.

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F. G. TILLMAN

Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	July, 1934
Salary	-	\$2900.00
Efficiency Rating	-	None
Age - 27		
Single		
Attorney - No		
Office of Preference	-	None
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 475
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	90% - missing part of questions 75 and 82
Instructions	-	76% - missing question 57, 136 and part of 59.

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Special Agent Tillman since his arrival at Chicago has been assigned to work under former Inspector Cowley and consequently I have been unable to observe his work.

Former Inspector Cowley:

Agent Tillman is assigned to the Bremer case. He is a former Deputy Sheriff from Idaho and as a new man is better on the police type of work than most new men. He has had no general investigative work since his assignment at Chicago. He is willing, industrious, and has some initiative. He is not good at dictation.

Inspector Egan:

This Agent with careful training and close supervision may possibly be developed on the regular type of investigative work of the Division. He seems willing, conscientious, and interested.

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J. R. HELLES

Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	November 22, 1933
Salary	-	\$5200.00
Last Efficiency Rating	-	82.1%
Age - 56		
Married - 1 child		
Attorney - Yes		
Office of Preference	-	Chicago
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 245
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	78% - missing question 59 and parts of 12 and 55
Instructions	-	96% - missing parts of questions 19 and 27.

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Special Agent Helles has for a large part of the time during the past few months been working under former Inspector Cowley. However, while working under me I have noted that he is an energetic Special Agent and performs his work with vigor and resolution, but at times requires a sort of governor. I do not mean that this is a bad trait, however, because I believe his interest in his work promotes his enthusiasm. I believe that he is developing satisfactorily and is loyal and dependable.

Inspector Egan:

This employee appeared to me to be very slow mentally and sluggish. I feel that he needs very close and careful supervision on his cases, that he is lacking in judgment, and I do not believe he is receiving the proper supervision at the Chicago Office. There is a possibility of his development under proper conditions and he probably would develop quicker in a smaller office.

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J. C. WHITE

Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	December, 1924
Salary	-	\$3600.00
Efficiency Rating	-	85.95%
Age - 50		
Married - no children		
Attorney - No		
Office of Preference	-	San Antonio
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 213
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	97% - missing part of question 95.
Instructions	-	95% - missing part of question 71.

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvies:

Special Agent White is distinctly a western type of individual and I do not believe he performs his best work in a place like Chicago. He is not qualified to handle all types of investigative work but I believe that he can handle himself capably in a dangerous situation. His work since he has been placed on general assignment has been satisfactory, although not outstanding, and I do not believe it will be outstanding in the Chicago territory. He is loyal, dependable, and his work is satisfactory.

Inspector Egan:

In an interview with the inspectors he stated that he had worked diligently on the Urschel and Dillinger cases and some of the other men on those cases received raises but he did not. However, he only made this statement; he was not bitter in any way. He stated that he would like to be transferred back to San Antonio.

I believe he is willing and loyal and has only a fair knowledge of the work of the Division.

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E. H. WILLIAMS

Special Agent

Entered on Duty	-	March 19, 1934
Salary	-	\$2900.00
Efficiency Rating	-	65%
Age - 29		
Married - no children		
Attorney - Yes		
Office of Preference	-	None
Commission Card and Case	-	Satisfactory
Badge examined	-	No. 18
Manual Tests:		
Rules and Regulations	-	100%
Instructions	-	80% - missing questions 54, 136.

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Special Agent Williams has been assigned almost exclusively to bankruptcy work since his arrival at the Chicago Office and has developed in an entirely satisfactory manner. He is comparatively new in the service and can generally be seen at the office at night working or studying the Manual or studying some other material which would aid him in investigative work. He is quiet, unassuming, and has very little to say to other people. He has an analytical mind and I believe that he is developing in an entirely satisfactory fashion.

Inspector Egan:

Agent Williams is conscientious, very much interested, industrious, and puts in long hours. He can be classed, I think, as almost an average Agent at this time. His one handicap is that he has poor eyesight and wears exceptionally heavy lenses.

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G. C. WOLTZ

Special Agent

This Agent was on a "plant" at Joliet, Illinois, and was not called to Chicago.

Mr. Purvis stated that since the arrival of this Agent in Chicago he has been assigned exclusively to work under former Inspector Cowley.

Former Inspector Cowley:

This Agent is assigned to the Gillis case and is working at Muncie, Indiana. He is far better than the average Agent who has been in the service for an equal length of time. He has had no general assignment experience but his work on this case has been entirely satisfactory. He has initiative, a fair appearance, and is very willing.

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ELLEN BARRICK

Stenographer

Entered on Duty	-	June 1, 1934
Salary	-	\$1620.00
Efficiency Rating	-	82.45%
Single		
Stenographic Test	-	%

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Miss Barrick is a stenographer of good personal appearance and has a fair personality. I do not believe she is able to meet the public but she is more of the ordinary type of stenographer.

Inspector Egan:

This girl is rather slow in getting started to work in the morning and on two occasions after nine o'clock she was at the mirror outside the stenographers' room combing her hair. She is, in my opinion, only fair as an employee and if a reduction in the Chicago Office stenographic force is made I believe she should be one of the first to go.

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AGNES BARBER

Stenographer

Entered on Duty	-	January, 1929
Salary	-	\$1740.00
Efficiency Rating	-	88.3%
Single		
Stenographic Test	-	§

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

This employee is of good personal appearance and has a quiet personality. She is able to take dictation at a very good rate of speed and to transcribe her notes accurately.

Inspector Egan:

This employee is capable, interested, and a willing worker and I would say a little above the average as a stenographer.

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FLORENCE BARBER

Stenographer

Entered on Duty	-	December 16, 1933
Salary	-	\$1620.00
Efficiency Rating	-	82.05%
Single		
Stenographic Test	-	

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Miss Barber has a good personal appearance and gives the impression of being quiet and unassuming. She made quite a number of errors when she was first employed but when same were called to her attention they decreased considerably. She is able to take dictation at a satisfactory rate of speed and to transcribe her notes accurately.

Inspector Egan:

This employee impressed me as being a capable, industrious and willing worker and I would say an average or little better than average stenographer.

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MRS. MARJORIE B. CARR

Stenographer

Entered on Duty	-	May 28, 1934
Salary	-	\$1620.00
Efficiency Rating	-	85.2%
Married - no children	-	
Stenographic Test	-	

Comments

Mrs. Carr's husband is employed by the Wausau Gas Company of Wausau, Wisconsin.

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Mrs. Carr is a stenographer of very good personal appearance and has shown an excellent interest in the work since her employment. She is able to take dictation at a rapid rate of speed and transcribes her notes accurately.

Inspector Egan:

This employee, in my opinion, is a very good stenographer. However, she was a little nervous while taking the test, hence the above grade. She is conscientious, a willing worker, and is above the average as a stenographer. She takes dictation principally from Mr. Purvis, Mr. Zimmer, or Mr. McCarthy. She is in the small office where the switchboard and teletype are located and where two other employees likewise work. She informed me that the room is crowded and there is some confusion therein due to the lack of space and the noise, which tends to retard her work somewhat.

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GWENDOLYN CATTORINI

Stenographer

Entered on Duty	-	October 15, 1934 (Temporary)
Salary	-	\$4.00 per day
Efficiency Rating	-	None
Single		
Stenographic Test	-	

Comments

This girl is a stenotype operator.

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Miss Cattorini is a temporary stenographer in the Chicago Office and it is contemplated that her services will terminate at the end of the forty-five day period. She is of good personal appearance, operates a stenotype machine, and is able to take dictation at a good rate of speed and transcribe same rapidly.

Inspector Egan:

This stenotype operator has had no outside experience until her employment in the Chicago Office. She is quiet, conscientious, and at her desk before nine o'clock and after 5:00 P.M. It is believed that she is better than the average stenographer in the Chicago Office at the present time.

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FRANCES COLLINS

Telephone Operator and Typist

Entered on Duty	-	May 16, 1934
Salary	-	\$1440.00
Efficiency Rating	-	82.7%
Married - one son,		three years of age.
Typing Test	-	

Comments

This employee's husband is employed by the Superior Coll Cleaning Company. She cannot take dictation.

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Mrs. Collins is employed as switchboard operator in the Chicago Office and in this capacity she is entirely satisfactory. She is a typist and occupies her spare time in typing work, which she does in excellent fashion.

Inspector Egan:

This employee, in my opinion, is capable to perform the duties to which she is assigned. She seems interested, willing, and above the average.

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HELEN DUNKEL

File Clerk

Entered on Duty	-	January, 1918
Salary	-	\$1860.00
Efficiency Rating	-	95.95%
Single		
Typing Test	-	

Comments

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Miss Dunkel is the Chief Clerk of the Chicago Office and in this capacity she has performed her work diligently and has done a great deal of overtime work. Several errors in the Chief Clerk's office have been called to my attention and they are being corrected immediately. I believe that Miss Dunkel is an outstanding employee, loyal, and dependable.

Inspector Egan:

A great number of errors were found in the file room, some of which were chargeable to Miss Dunkel. She is a sincere, conscientious type of employee, willing, and loyal, but when she has a great volume of work to do it is believed that she becomes extremely nervous and at that time makes errors. I asked her for an explanation as to why her work was in such condition and she informed me she believed when extra help was sent in from the stenographers' room they made errors. I told her and Mr. Purvis that I did not believe any one should be allowed to file in that room unless they had sufficient instructions so that these errors would not be made.

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C. ECKHARDT

Typist

Entered on Duty	-	November 2, 1933
Salary	-	\$1440.00
Efficiency Rating	-	82.45%
Single		
Typing Test	-	

Comments

This employee cannot take dictation.

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Mr. Eckhardt is the night typist in the Chicago Office and during the past few months has improved appreciably. His work is entirely satisfactory at the present time.

Inspector Egan:

This employee is intelligent, willing, interested, and I believe a very satisfactory worker. He told me that he would like to be transferred to the St. Paul Office so that he might attend college and finish his studies in order that he could become an Agent. However, he informed me this had already been taken up with the Division by letter.

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MRS. OLIVE GILBY

Stenographer

Entered on Duty	-	July 30, 1934
Salary	-	\$1620.00
Efficiency Rating	-	86.6%
Married, no children (separated - not divorced)		
Stenographic Test	-	

Comments

This stenographer's husband is a dentist in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Mrs. Gilby is a stenographer of good personal appearance and is able to take dictation at a good rate of speed and transcribe her notes accurately.

Inspector Egan:

This stenographer appears to be intelligent but is extremely nervous and of the temperamental type. She was unable to receive a grade in the test given. It is felt that she is one of the least capable stenographers at the Chicago Office at the present time and if a reduction is made in the personnel it is believe she should be considered for such separation.

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