

SUBJECT Vince Lombardi

FILE NUMBER 94-46287

May 7, 1969

Mr. Vincent T. Lombardi
Washington Redskins
1101 Connecticut Avenue, Northwest
Washington, D. C. 20015

Dear Mr. Lombardi:

On behalf of my associates who attended the Twentieth Annual FBI Mass and Communion Breakfast on May 4, 1969, I wish to express our sincere gratitude for the excellent address which you delivered.

Your comments concerning the need for more people to commit themselves to the achievement of excellence and respect for lawful authority were most appropriate and timely.

Your presence at the breakfast contributed immeasurably to its success and I am grateful.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Based on memo J. J. McDermott to N. P. Callahan captioned "20th Annual FBI Mass and Communion Breakfast dated 5/5/69. JJM:cms R.A.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : N. P. CALLAHAN

DATE: 3-12-69

FROM : J. J. McDERMOTT

SUBJECT: 20th ANNUAL FBI MASS AND
COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Plans for the 20th Annual FBI Mass and Communion Breakfast have now been finalized as follows:

On May 4, 1969, His Eminence, The Most Reverend PATRICK CARDINAL O'BOYLE, Archbishop of Washington, will preside at St. Matthew's Cathedral at the nine o'clock Mass, which will be celebrated by the Reverend WILLIAM F. O'DONNELL, Editor-in-Chief of the "Catholic Standard," Washington archdiocesan weekly newspaper. A brief sermon will be delivered by Father O'DONNELL who, before entering the seminary, was an attorney in the Internal Security Division of the Department of Justice.

Following the Mass, the Communion Breakfast will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the Main Ballroom of the Mayflower Hotel. Cardinal O'BOYLE and Father O'DONNELL will attend the Breakfast. We have been most fortunate in securing as guest speaker, Mr. VINCENT T. LOMBARDI, Executive Vice President and Coach of The Washington Redskins.

Mr. CORNEAL J. MACK, Vice President of the Hotel Corporation of America, parent of the Mayflower Hotel, has generously taken a personal interest in the success of the Breakfast and has collaborated with the banquet manager to assure its success. To make the Breakfast available to as many FBI people as possible, Mr. MACK personally arranged for the unit cost of \$3.50, including gratuities and taxes, which is approximately one dollar less than the normal price for the Mayflower's superior food and service. (The Statler-Hilton quoted a price of \$4.25 per person.)

With the basic planning now finalized, we can now proceed with the distribution of posters and ticket sales.

Submitted for information.

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. McDermott

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TO : N. P. CALLAHAN

DATE: 2-12-69

FROM : J. J. McDERMOTT

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In my memorandum to you of 2-4-69, it was recommended and subsequently approved by the Director that TV personality ED McMAHON be invited to speak at the 20th Annual FBI Communion Breakfast. On 2-7-69, McMAHON advised the New York Office he must regrettably decline because his schedule would not permit him to accept the invitation for any of the three dates under consideration (April 13, 20, or 27, 1969).

Since submission of referenced memorandum, VINCE LOMBARDI has been named executive vice president and coach of the Washington Redskins, an appointment widely acclaimed throughout the Washington area. LOMBARDI, frequently referred to as "Mr. Professional Football," is an outstanding Catholic layman and public figure. He is a 1937 graduate of Fordham University where despite his small physical stature, he became one of the famed "seven blocks of granite." He later coached Army football at West Point, the New York Giants and, more recently, enjoyed unprecedented success as coach of the Green Bay Packers. He is a member of the Board of Directors and the University Council of Fordham. The Milwaukee Office has enjoyed excellent relations with LOMBARDI, who is known to greatly admire the Director and the Bureau. His key to success is his insistence that people working for him make a total commitment to excellence."

With this philosophy, LOMBARDI can be counted upon to bring a truly worthwhile message to the Breakfast.

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When preliminarily approached at Green Bay, Wisconsin, on 2-11-69, concerning his availability as the Communion Breakfast speaker, LOMBARDI stated he "would be glad to do it for the FBI people." He desires that arrangements be made through his secretary to meet with him shortly in Washington to further discuss plans. No derogatory information was located in Bureau files concerning LOMBARDI.

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RECOMMENDATION: That VINCE LOMBARDI, new coach and executive vice president of the Washington Redskins, be approved as guest speaker for the 20th Annual FBI Communion Breakfast.

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On Sunday, 5/4/69, the 20th Annual Communion Breakfast was held in the main ballroom of the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C. Approximately 700 Bureau employees, their families and friends attended this function which had as its guest speaker VINCENT T. LOMBARDI of the Washington Redskins. The Mass preceded the breakfast and was celebrated in St. Matthew's Cathedral by Father WILLIAM F. O'DONNELL. Bishop JOHN S. SPENCE presided in the absence of PATRICK Cardinal O'BOYLE who unexpectedly could not return from Rome in time to personally preside as he had intended.

At the breakfast Mr. LOMBARDI delivered an inspiring speech wherein he decried the violent anarchism and lawlessness in our society. He further exhorted all to commit themselves to the achievement of excellence in all their endeavors. His talk in which he referred in a most complimentary manner to the Bureau and the Director, was enthusiastically received by those in attendance.

ACTION:

Attached for approval are suggested letters to Mr. LOMBARDI, Father O'DONNELL, and Bishop SPENCE expressing the Director's appreciation for their contributions. If approved, these letters should be prepared in final form for the Director's signature. Prepared and attached.

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1-Mr. CALLAHAN
1-Mr. MC DERMOTT

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ENCLOSURES (3)

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July 11, 1969

Mr. Vincent T. Lombardi
Washington Redskins
1101 Connecticut Avenue, Northwest
Washington, D. C. 20015

Dear Mr. Lombardi:

I am enclosing a copy of the July, 1969,
issue of "The Investigator," the employee publication
of the FBI, which I thought Mrs. Lombardi and you
might enjoy seeing. Photographs of you appear on
page 31 in connection with the 1969 annual FBI
Communion Breakfast.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

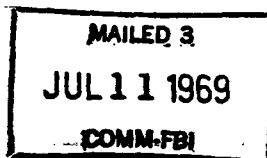
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NOTE: Address per outgoing letter dated 5/7/69.

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