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Gentlemen,

1-21-38

Would you please inform me  
as to the length of Al Capone prison  
term? Thank you. *mustard*

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[Redacted]  
[Redacted] *Exeter, Maine*

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*Act 1/28/38  
cc Boston  
EJS*

HJG:DC  
62-58128-77

January 28, 1938

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[Redacted]  
Lisbon, Maine.

b7c

Dear [Redacted]

This will acknowledge receipt of your postal card which was received by this Bureau on January 21, 1938, requesting information regarding the length of the prison sentence of Al Capone.

Inasmuch as the violation for which Al Capone was sentenced was not one falling within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau, may I suggest that you communicate with the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Treasury Department, which has jurisdiction over all violations of the income tax laws.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Boston

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EJO:EK

January 27, 1938

Special Agent in Charge,  
El Paso, Texas.

**Information Concerning.**

Dear Sir:

The Bureau file in the above entitled case indicates that this case is not receiving prompt investigative attention in your district.

This matter should be placed in line for early investigative attention and you should submit a report to the Bureau at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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3-17 1938.

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Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Foxworth  
✓ Files Section  
Mechanical Division  
Chief Clerk's Office

Identification Div.  
Statistical Section  
Technical Laboratory  
Research Division  
Mr. Glavin

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Mr. Cornelius	Mr. McIntire	Mr. Vogel

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Mr. Ward  
Mr. Parsons  
Miss Conlon  
Stenographers 5730  
Typists 5724

Send File  
Correct  
Re-write  
Re-date  
Search, serialize  
and return  
Note and return

*Handwritten signature*

*Handwritten initials*  
SUPERVISOR

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

February 24, 1938

[REDACTED] b7c  
Rice Hotel,  
Houston, Texas.

Dear [REDACTED]

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 11, 1938, in which you state that you wish to protest against the proposed transfer of Al Capone from Alcatraz Penitentiary.

For your information, I wish to state that the operations of the United States penitentiaries fall under the jurisdiction of Mr. James V. Bennett, Director, Bureau of Prisons, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

I wish to thank you for the complimentary remarks which appeared in your letter regarding the work performed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

62-39128-79

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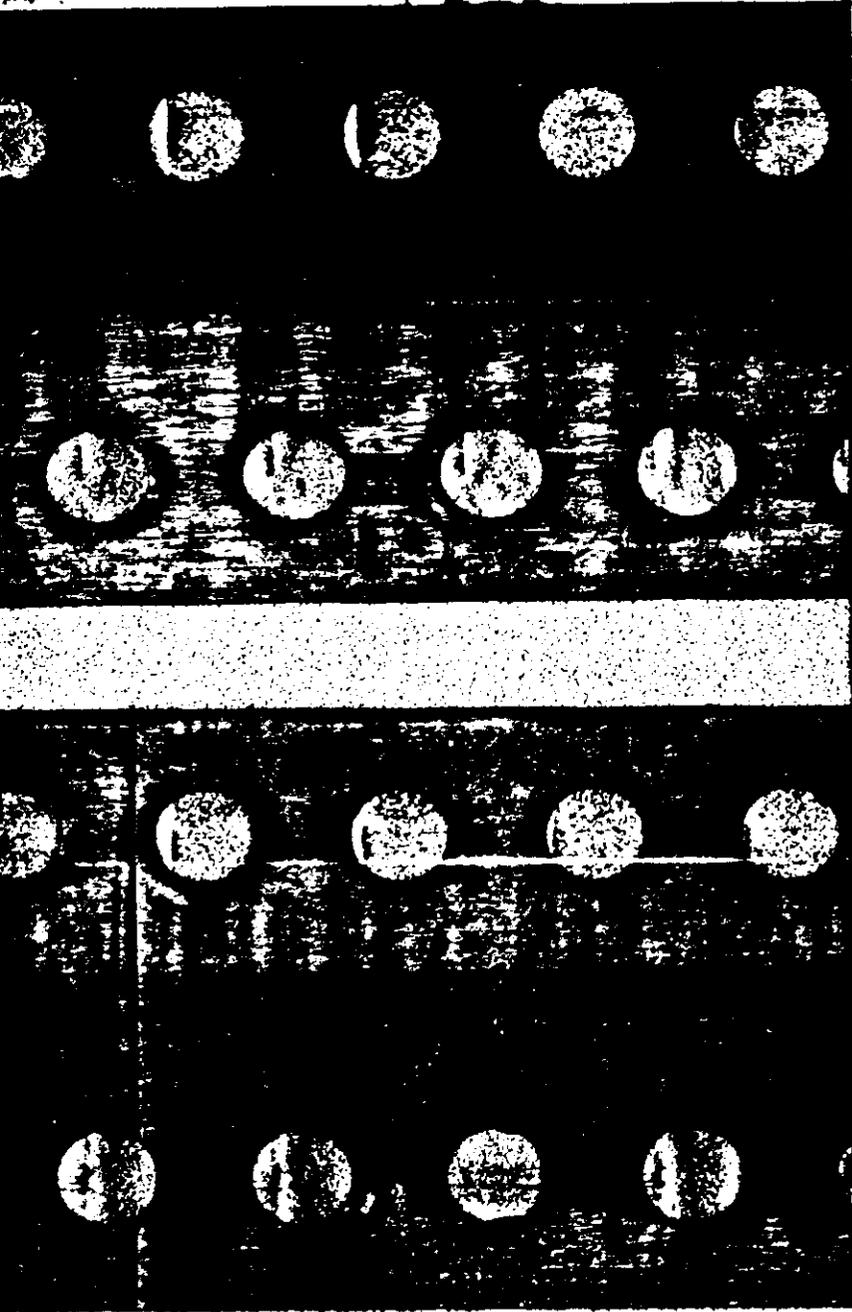
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TO WRITER  
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February 24, 1938

[Redacted]  
Rice Hotel,  
Houston, Texas.

Dear [Redacted]

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Baughman .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Coffey .....
- Mr. Crowl .....
- Mr. Egan .....
- Mr. Foxworth .....
- Mr. Glavin .....
- Mr. Harbo .....
- Mr. Hottel .....
- Mr. Lester .....
- Mr. McIntire .....
- Mr. Naughten .....
- Mr. Nichols .....
- Mr. Pennington .....
- Mr. Rosen .....
- Mr. Tracy .....
- Mr. Egan .....
- Mr. Glavin .....
- Mr. Harbo .....
- Mr. Hottel .....
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- Mr. Tracy .....
- Miss Gandy .....

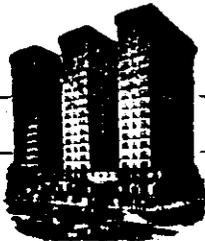
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**RICE HOTEL** 1000 ROOMS

HOUSTON, TEXAS

Feb. 11, 1938

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C. 62-39128-79

RECORDED & INDEXED

Dear Sir:

FEB 15 1938

I protest against  
your department's pro-  
posal to transfer  
Al Capone to a place  
where he can more  
easily direct his vile,  
underworld business.

Furthermore, I pro-  
test against Harben  
Johnson and the prison  
physician publicizing  
this criminal and  
thereby helping to



ASSOCIATED WITH LAMAR HOTEL HOUSTON

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build up a ~~misleading~~,  
sloppy, public statement  
in his behalf

The silent treat-  
ment is what he  
and his like deserve,  
and it is what they  
should have.

With deep appre-  
ciation of your  
work in general, I  
am

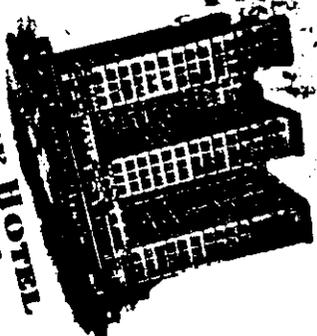
Sincerely yours, b7c

[Redacted signature]



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**RICE HOTEL**  
1000 ROOMS  
HOUSTON, TEXAS



*Mr. Hoover*

*Department of Justice,  
Washington,  
D.C.*

FEB 16 1938 AM



Alcatraz, California February 16, 1938

Director, Bureau of Prisons

CAPONE, Alphonse # 85-12

The enclosure purporting to give information about Capone and about [redacted] from one [redacted] is forwarded for your information and such follow-up investigation as you think may be warranted. BOP

The typed note and the envelope are inclosed and as you will note from the envelope it was mailed from [redacted]

Following the escape of [redacted] I received anonymous post cards and notes from various places, including [redacted]. The originals of the communications were all turned over to the Bureau of Investigation Agent in charge of the [redacted] and while I have no official reports, I understand from the [redacted] that they were all forwarded to Washington and all have been investigated but without turning up anything of consequence.

It may be that the [redacted]

I send the original communication just as received although by this time it probably has several finger prints including the writer's as well as those that get on it in the handling of this correspondence.

When it has served your purpose, please return for our files.

J. A. Johnston  
Warden

62-39128-80

DMS  
62-39128-80  
Lab. #21598

March 12, 1938.

DEED

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,  
BUREAU OF PRISONS.

Reference is made to your memorandum dated February 19, 1938 with which you transmitted a copy of a letter from [Horton Johnston] and an original letter and envelope postmarked "Philadelphia Pennsylvania" for such action as the Bureau deemed appropriate.

Accordingly the typewritten letter was searched through various typewriting files of the Bureau but no identification was effected. No comparison of the typewriting on the envelope and letter could be made with the note received from Philadelphia regarding [redacted] because the note was entirely handwritten.

The letter and envelope were examined for latent impressions and one latent fingerprint was found on the letter. This latent fingerprint is of value for comparison purposes but is of insufficient detail to permit classification and search through the single fingerprint file. It has been compared with the fingerprints of the following individuals but no identification has been effected:

- Nathan .....
- Tolson .....
- Belmont .....
- Clegg .....
- Coffey .....
- Crowl .....
- Tracy .....
- Harbo .....
- Worthington .....
- Glavin .....

*Handwritten:* BOP  
62-39128-80 Q1 and Q2

The original envelope and letter, designated by number 62-39128-80 Q1 and Q2, are being returned herewith, photographic having been made for the completion of the Bureau's files.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Director.

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*Handwritten initials:* JH

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 21888  
8383

Laboratory Report

(Recorded 2-26-38 11:00 A.M.)

Case: Re: Al Capone, with aliases.

Number: 62-59125-80

Specimens:

62-59125-80 Q 1 One envelope postmarked Philadelphia, Pa. 4, Feb. 11, 1938, 11 PM. and addressed to Marion James Johnston, Federal Prison, San Francisco, Cal.

Q 2 One sheet apparently enclosed in Q 1 and reads:  BOP

Examination requested by Acting Director W. T. Hammack, San. Prisons, Dep't Justice

Date received: (Blocked 2-23-38) (Rec. 2-23-38 4:00 PM hr) (chp Feb. 23, 1938.)

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint ✓

Result of examination:

Examination by: ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

**RETURN EVIDENCE.**

Syphers

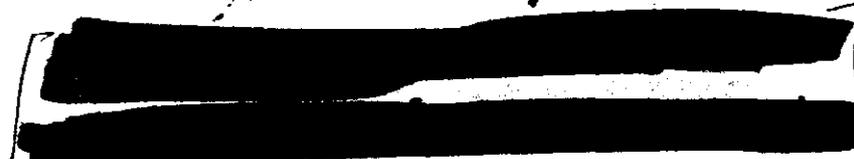
*Memo. from [Hammack] dated 2-19-38*

*3-8-38 Followed to Lab.*

*3-9-38 - Received from Lab.*

*Latent on Q 2 (for comparison only).*

*Compared latent with prints of following. (negative results):*

 BOP

*Alphonse Capone F.O.I. # 214223.*

*Combined report with Lab.*

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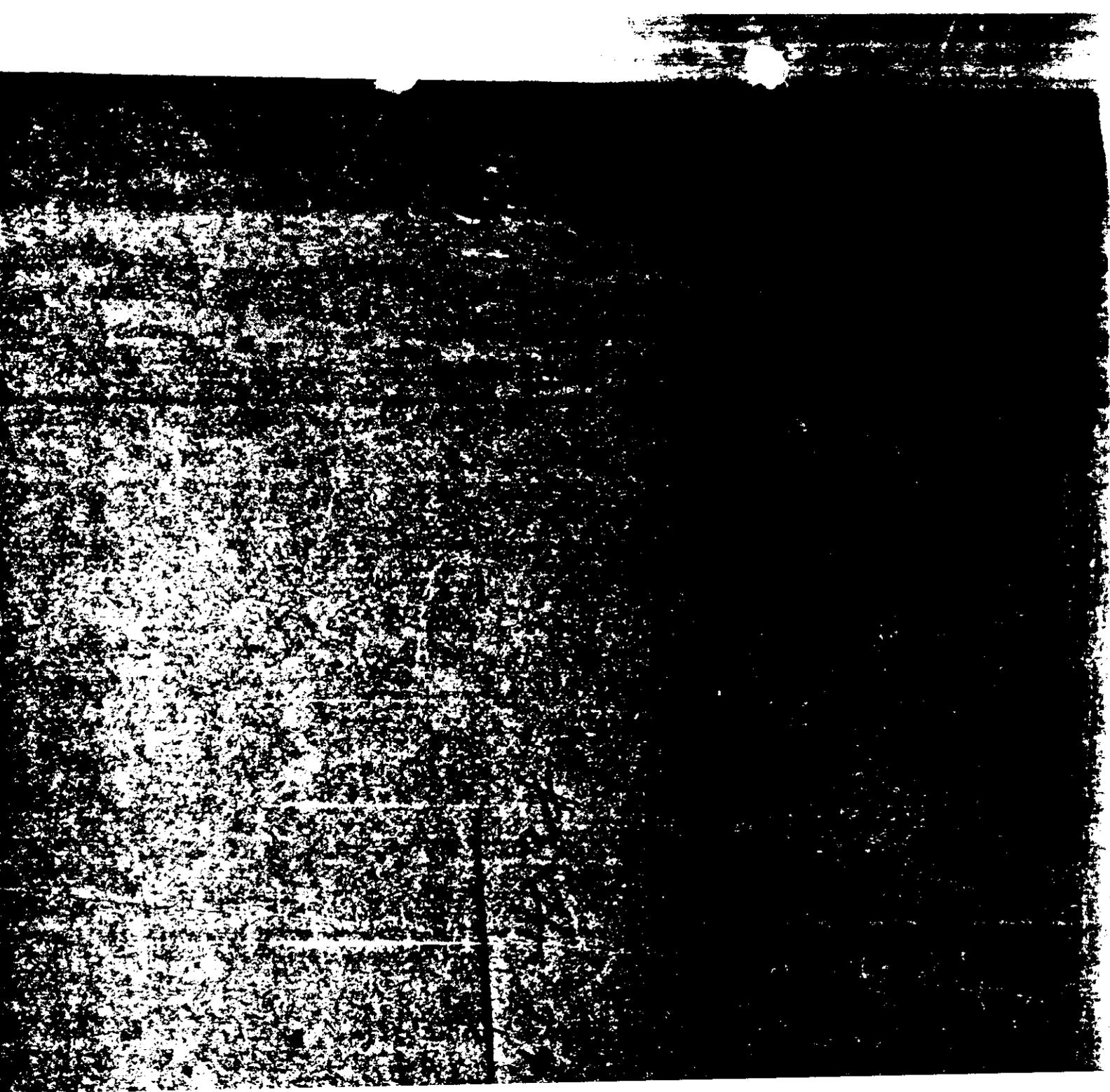
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March 2, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge,  
El Paso, Texas.

Information concerning

Dear Sir:

The Bureau file in the above entitled case indicates that this case is not receiving prompt investigative attention in your division.

This matter should be placed in line for early investigative attention and you should submit a report to the Bureau at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FILE

*E. J. Connelley*

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
202 U. S. Courthouse  
El Paso, Texas

62-400

March 8, 1938

Re: [REDACTED] b7c  
Information Concerning.

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a letter from the Bureau to this Division under date of December 1, 1937 which sets forth information regarding a telegram received by the Bureau that was sent from Midland, Texas on November 23, 1937 and signed by [REDACTED] This telegram requested information as to "Full status of Al Capone's terms".

You are advised that Special Agent E. C. Dorris contacted [REDACTED] Midland, Texas, and was advised as follows: He, [REDACTED] and another individual called [REDACTED], local bartender, were both drunk at the time this telegram to the Bureau was sent. They got into an argument over the sentence which was imposed on Capone at the time of his conviction. [REDACTED] advising he at first thought such sentence to be ten years and then later decided it was ten on one count and an additional year on another count, sentences to run consecutively. [REDACTED] further advised he and his friend then put up a small bet (\$2.00 he believes) and then came a discussion of how they were to prove who was right. [REDACTED] advised he then conceived the idea of wiring the Bureau to secure this information and accordingly did so, his idea being that if he were right he would endeavor to get a larger wager if he could borrow the money. [REDACTED] then went to the Western Union office to send the telegram but found himself too drunk to word the message as he desired and so secured the assistance of [REDACTED] local Western Union office. He did not receive any answer to his query. [REDACTED] denies that he is acquainted with Capone or has any connection with anyone who does know him.

[REDACTED] Midland Office of the Western Union was also contacted. [REDACTED] advised he recalled [REDACTED] sending the telegram in question as he [REDACTED] had worded the telegram from [REDACTED]. He likewise advised that as he recalled [REDACTED] was drunk at the time of sending this message.

Local inquiries produced information that [REDACTED] considers himself as an oil promoter but actually is little more than a bum. The local welfare organizations are often called on to furnish groceries for his family and donations are made up by local citizens on other occasions. He, apparently, is a heavy drinker and stays drunk for as long as he can secure whiskey to drink. He is sometimes successful in making small deals and usually spends all the money made on whiskey. From information supplied by the local sheriff's office there is no harm in him whatever.

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Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]

62-39128-82

Suite 1729, 111 E. 1st St.,  
San Francisco, California

Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a photostatic  
copy of a letter recently furnished to this office  
by W. E. CHERRY, Mail Officer of the U. S. Penitentiary  
at Montreal.

This letter is addressed to **AL  
CAPONE**, was postmarked [redacted]

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The letter is forwarded for whatever  
attention you may deem appropriate.

Very truly yours,

**E. J. L. FLYNN**,  
Special Agent in Charge

ENCLOSURE  
cc Bureau  
(Enclosure)

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PLEASE ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO  
SALVAGE DEPARTMENT  
AND QUOTE

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Crowl
- Mr. Dwyer
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. McIntire
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

[REDACTED]

LOUISVILLE, KY.



June 8, 1938

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

11/2

One of the officials here is gathering information on short men, and we have searched through the local library for the height of Al<sup>o</sup> Capone.

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The City Police Department, County Police Department and The Federal Bureau of Investigation here in Louisville suggested your department in Washington.

We realize that your time is limited, but will greatly appreciate the kindness if you will use the enclosed business reply envelope to give us this information.

Yours very truly,

[REDACTED] b7c

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June 13, 1938

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In care of  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear [Redacted]

In reply to your unsigned letter of June 8, 1938, I am glad to inform that the Bureau's identification records reflect the height of ALPHONSE CAPONE to be 5' 10 1/2".

The stamped, self-addressed envelope which accompanied your letter mentioned is returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tamm .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Coffey .....
- Mr. Crowl .....
- Mr. Dawsey .....
- Mr. Egan .....
- Mr. Foxworth .....
- Mr. Glavin .....
- Mr. Harbo .....
- Mr. Lester .....
- Mr. McIntire .....
- Mr. Nichols .....
- Mr. Tracy .....
- Miss Gandy .....

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

Chicago, Illinois

October 21, 1938

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir

*8-10-256?*

It is requested that this Office be furnished with a copy of any known criminal record, as well as with a copy of the photograph of, JOHN TORRIO, who was a widely known hoodlum connected with the CAPONE mob in Chicago.

This criminal record and photograph are desired for Mr. CAMDEN of Pinkerton's Detective Agency.

Very truly yours

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

DML:IJM

*ack.  
11-7-38  
W. J. ...*

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November 7, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of October 21, 1938 wherein you requested to be furnished with a copy of the criminal record, together with photograph, of one John Terris for transmittal to Mr. Camden of the Pinkerton Detective Agency.

Please be advised that the Bureau has never furnished information from its identification files to the Pinkerton Detective Agency, inasmuch as that agency under Departmental rules construing Congressional enactment, which limits the furnishing of information appearing in the files to regularly constituted law enforcement officials and agencies, may not be deemed within that category.

A copy of an abstract of the criminal record of one John Terris, with aliases, #FBI-766329, who is evidently the person in whom Mr. Camden is interested, together with a photograph, is enclosed herewith in order that the substance of this record may be informally communicated to Mr. Camden in the event his office renders a degree of cooperation to the Bureau, which, in your opinion, warrants this action.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Crowl \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Lester \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. McIntire \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover

I have great admiration for the fine work your department is doing and, for that reason, am sending you the enclosed caption.

What nerve and effrontery that any magazine can publish such an article! American citizens who are law-abiding resent the thought or implication that an American city is to be ruled by a Danyster and ex convict who has stopped at nothing. He is arising with all except

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However, we feel that your Department did that such can not exist as presented by this ONE magazine.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
NOV 1956

The newspaper publicity about Mike Corozzo and his stronghold in Indiana

Waste of no article

and his preparation of  
a fortress for Lapone  
shows what has been  
done. The Croazzo home  
at Long Beach, Michigan  
City, Indiana is  
another estate that  
has been protected and is  
being guarded - by  
"Secretaries" with  
ammunition

More power to you in  
the work you and your  
Department are doing.  
I am writing this on the  
train because I do  
not want to delay  
sending it to you.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

b7c

Jan. 7-1938

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62-5712-10

**LOOK**

**Why**  
**CAPONE**

**May Soon**  
**Rule Chicago**

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

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Chicago Ills 12-21st. 1938

Dear Mr Hoover I beg your  
pardon to do everything in my power  
to keep Al Capone in jail and  
away from Chicago damn his better  
army I have been fighting a  
mafia the Black hand since I  
came to this country in 1914  
and I won't quit until dead  
Capone tell his men to get me  
and he will pay 40,000. to anyone  
who help get me therefore please  
keep him away from Chicago b7c  
Yours truly [redacted]

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
San Francisco, California  
January 17, 1939

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: AL CAPONE.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that we have ascertained through a confidential source that the newspaper reports to the effect that AL CAPONE is paralyzed are false. We have determined that on his transfer from Alcatraz to Terminal Island he was in very good spirits and was in a very receptive, talkative mood. He showed no evidences of being paralyzed.

We have obtained the latest photograph of CAPONE, two copies of which, together with his description, are being forwarded herewith. There are also attached two newspaper items relating to CAPONE.

Very truly yours,

*N. J. L. Pieler*  
N. J. L. PIELER  
Special Agent in Charge

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# CAPONE PARTLY PARALYZED NOW

Prisoner's Condition Result of Advanced Paresis, Physician Reveals

Editorial Comment on Page 12.

By United Press

SAN PEDRO, Jan. 9.—Al Capone entered the final period of his prison term on Terminal Island, the Government's most modern correctional institution, today.

A guard said that he was "screwy" from advanced paresis. He was not expected to be allowed visitors, even his wife, before he is released Nov. 19, with good behavior and payment of the outstanding \$20,000 on a \$60,000 fine. At Alcatraz he could receive one visitor once a month.

### Partly Paralyzed

A prison physician said Capone's paresis had reached the point where he was partly paralyzed.

"Normally the case could have been arrested earlier," he said, "except that fear has complicated the disease. Capone's had reached an advanced stage before he entered a Federal prison."

### Illness Changes Routine

Capone was brought here Saturday from Alcatraz, "The Rock," in San Francisco Bay. Federal prisoners, in sound health, ordinarily are released in the county where they were convicted. Under this procedure Capone would have been taken by Jan. 19, at the end of his 10-year felony term, to Cook County, Ill., jail to serve a one-year misdemeanor sentence.

Three guards brought him here by train. Six weights were attached to his shackled legs and he wore handcuffs. Instead of his former arrogant swagger, he shuffled; his eyes were glassy and he rubbed absently on one side of his face, which seemed paralyzed.

SAN FRANCISCO NEWS

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FIELD DIVISION

C. E. I. No. ....

Name Alphonse Capone

Address .....

Place of Birth .....

Age 40 Height 5'9"

Weight 204 Build 1-8

Hair black Eyes b. l.

Complexion d. l.

Date 1/17/11 Sex male

Scars & Marks 17 + 1 pier

Remarks: left hand -

F. P. Class. \_\_\_\_\_

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[Redacted]

Detroit Michigan

Dear Sir.

I would like some information on Al. Capone I would like to know what nationality he is, and where he was born. I would appreciate this information very much, because it would help clear up a personal argument. If per chance the information is not available from your office, would you kindly advise me where I could obtain it. Thanking you very much remain

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[Redacted]

Detroit, Michigan

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Dear [Redacted]

Reference is made to your undated letter which was received at this Bureau on May 11, 1939, requesting certain information about the individual named therein.

I regret to inform you that this information is not available in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and I am unable to suggest any source from which it could be obtained.

I am returning herewith the self-addressed postal card received with your letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure  
cc Detroit

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Crowl \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Foxworth \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Lester \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**

Washington, D. C.

April 28, 1939

LEWIS

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Crowl	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Foxworth	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. McIntire	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

I thought you would be interested in knowing that [redacted] in San Francisco, an old-time friend of Damon Runyan, has recently secured the complete life story of Al Capone and it will be published over Damon Runyan's name sometime in the near future.

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This information was confidentially related to me by [redacted], who stated that [redacted] had confidentially informed him of this matter.

Respectfully,

*L. B. Nichols*  
L. B. Nichols

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NICHOLS  
Miss Gandy

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Chicago, Illinois

June 13, 1939

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the telephone call of MR. E.A. TAMM from Washington on June 4, 1939, requesting to be advised whether when AL CAPONE completes his present Federal term he will have to serve a sentence in Cook County.

A thorough search was made of all the files of the Chicago office, which failed to reflect any information regarding any outstanding indictment against CAPONE in Cook County.

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Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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Dayton Ky. June 25-39

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

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Dear Sir:

Al Capone

I have often wondered why the newspapers and detective magazines keeps referring to the present Capone as if he was the real one when according to information I have the so-called present Capone is in reality Giacomo Colabrese a cousin to the dead but not lamented real Capone. According to records of the war department the dead Capone enlisted in the Army at Camp Dix New Jersey with a machine gun battalion in the latter part of 1918. The difference between the present impostor and the real Capone are as follows. The size shoe of the dead Capone 8 but in the Army a half size larger making the shoes 8 1/2 as against nine size of the present Capone. The dead Capone was a loud mouthed cursing Brooklyn ardy from like legs Diamond and was brought to Chicago by Johnny Torrio who was the real Boss of the Chicago Alky racket. This loud mouthed Capone decided

he would ~~not~~ knock off Torrio & take charge being  
 Torrio finding this out decided to beat him & it  
 in the mean time the real Capone gets scared of the heat  
 & has himself locked up later on there was some  
 kind of peace talk whereby the dead Capone was to  
 meet Torrio's mobsters in a house in New Jersey  
 the real Capone met with the rest of the gang on the second  
 floor while other mobsters used machine guns to  
 drill him thru the floor, no doubt when he  
 was dumped into the ocean many a shark broke  
 off a tooth biting into his bullet ridden body.

The present Calabrese (alias) Capone was easy going  
 and soft spoken. One time when they had been in  
 Brooklyn a racket charge he knew little or nothing  
 about that town even tho he was supposed to have  
 known the town inside and out. One thing I do  
 not know however is why they doctored up Calabrese  
 with a few safety razor blade scars which today  
 is almost gone while the real Capone had deep straight  
 razor scars that would never wear off. I think  
 if you check the Adjutant's General's Office of the  
 War Department you will find the full description  
 and photographs of him. I am routing you this letter  
 because I think the public should know the real  
 truth as to his identity Giuseppe Calabrese  
 Best yours.

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[Redacted]  
Dayton, Kentucky

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Dear [Redacted]

I am in receipt of your letter of June 25, 1939, and the facts contained therein have been made a part of the official records of this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc Louisville

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Crowl \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Foxworth \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. McIntire \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Q. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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141 Park Lane W.  
Grosvenor 1016-7-8

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June 30, 1939

Clyde Tolson, Esquire  
The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tolson:

I am indebted for your name to Mr. E. Haytes Preston, whom, you may remember, spent some time at the Bureau collecting material for his story of the G-Men in the "People."

As I am at present collecting material for an article on Al Capone to coincide with release in November he suggested I might communicate with you and ask for your help.

The salient facts I want are whether or not there is any possibility of a release before the date originally fixed, so that I can instruct my agent accordingly, and what the effect of his release is likely to be on America's man in the street.

I don't know whether it is possible for you to send me any further information which has not already been used in this country regarding the events which led up to his arrest or anecdotal material concerning his earlier background. If it is, I would be extremely grateful.

Again, it would be useful to me if you could lend me a few press clippings and photographs which would be unlikely to be included in English newspaper libraries. These I would undertake to have photographed or copied and return to you within a few days.

To lend the story authority it would be more valuable to have it signed by somebody who has been connected with Capone at some time, preferably somebody now living in England.

The only person I can call to mind is a man who used to be Al Capone's jockey called Arthur Rae, sometimes going by the name of Lee, whom I believe to be working as a steward on a Royal Mail liner between London and Rio.

Perhaps you would be kind enough to confirm this or to let me know of anybody else I could approach.

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W. H. C. [unclear]

*No record in file re Preston in Ellis in MID 1939*

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Should you wish to confirm my bona fides as a journalist I am well known to Mr. Donald MacKerrie, News Editor of the London Daily Mirror, and Major Percy Davies, who acts in a similar capacity on the News of the World.

Thanking you for the favour of a reply at your convenience,

I remain

Yours faithfully,

(S) R. Parry-Ellis

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July 11, 1939

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Mr. E. Parry-Hillis  
141 Park Lane West  
London, England

Dear Mr. Parry-Hillis:

Your letter of June 30, 1939, addressed to my Assistant, Mr. Clyde Tolson, has been referred to my attention. With reference to your request for data regarding Al Capone, I regret that I am unable to supply you with the desired material inasmuch as Capone was incarcerated on a case not investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

However, I have taken the liberty of referring your letter to Mr. Joseph A. Mulcahy, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, for such action as he may deem necessary.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. E. A. Tamm .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Coffey .....
- Mr. Egan .....
- Mr. Glavin .....
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- Mr. Nichols .....
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- Mr. Sears .....
- Mr. Quinn Tamm .....
- Mr. Tracy .....
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July 11, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOSEPH A. WELCH, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I am attaching hereto a letter which I have received from Mr. R. Parry-Killis, 141 Park Lane West, London, requesting information on the release of Al Capone and a possible associate of his in London.

Inasmuch as the Bureau does not have this material available I have advised Mr. Parry-Killis that his letter was being referred to your attention for such action as you deemed necessary.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. E. A. Tamm .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Coffey .....
- Mr. Egan .....
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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August 1, 1939

Time: 3:08 p.m.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Sept. 30, 1939

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Re: AL CAPONE

According to Mr. Hood  
at Los Angeles, Capone will  
serve his last day in jail  
on November 19, 1939.

He will be released  
the morning of Nov. 20, 1939  
if his fines are paid and  
if not paid he will be released  
Nov. 21, 1939.

I inquired if there was only 1  
additional day to be served if the  
fines were not paid and Mr. Hood said  
that is correct; that he verified it  
with the prison authorities.

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TYS  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
October 13, 1939

*John  
Richard*

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

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dear Mr. Hoover:

You will recall that I orally advised you WALTER BRISLAUSSEN, Chief of Associated Press Bureau in Los Angeles, had requested an interview with you in Los Angeles.

I ascertained from him today that he desired to talk with you concerning the release of AL CAPONE from Terminal Island Penitentiary and wished to know whether it would be possible for an interview with him.

I advised CLAUSSEN that this matter was not one in which the Bureau had any primary interest inasmuch as the handling of prisoners is within the scope of the Bureau of Prisons and he was not sentenced as a result of investigation conducted by this Bureau. He indicated that his Washington office was endeavoring to handle this matter through the Bureau of Prisons and I informed him this appeared to be the proper procedure.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

*Letter to Clausen  
10/24/39*

RBH:MD  
-cc: Bureau

*LBH*

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*W. J. ...*

*see Alphonse Capone*

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October 25, 1939

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Mr. Walter D. Claussen  
Chief  
Associated Press Bureau  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Claussen:

I regret very much that my commitments were such that I did not have an opportunity to see you while in Los Angeles recently although Mr. Hood has advised me in detail of his conversation with you.

I was there for such a short time and there were several matters which required my personal attention. I hope you understand my situation.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
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- Miss Gandy

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

October 12, 1939

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

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On October 11, 1939, MARTIN MOONEY, writer, telephone Wyoming 1557, communicated with the office and stated he would like you to communicate with him at the above telephone number.

WALTER B. CLAUSSEN, 1243 Trenton Street, in charge of the Local Associated Press, telephonically communicated with the office and advised Assistant Agent in Charge VAL G. KIMMER that he would like to have about five minutes of your time on a matter not for publication. He was informed that his message would be given to you.

Lieutenant J. R. McKINNEY, telephone Mutual 9211, Extension 2739, telephonically advised Mr. KIMMER that you are invited to speak on the steps of the City Hall on October 27, 1939 at the Navy Day celebration. I am advising Lieutenant McKINNEY that you will not be in town on that date and it will not be possible to make this appearance.

[REDACTED] Hollywood, communicated with me on October 12, 1939 and stated she desired an interview with you and that she had a telegram from Miss GANDY in Washington. Inquiry disclosed that she wants to report information concerning an alleged murder ring operating in California. She was informed that her message would be relayed to you but in view of your commitments it was not known if an interview could be had with her and she was informed relative to the Bureau's jurisdiction in such matters. She indicated she might communicate with Governor OLSON with reference to this situation.

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Very truly yours,

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R. B. HOOD,  
Special Agent in Charge

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Glavin.....
- Mr. Ladd.....
- Mr. Nichols.....
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- Mr. Carson.....
- Mr. Egan.....
- Mr. Gurnea.....
- Mr. Hendon.....
- Mr. Pennington.....
- Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
- Mr. Nease.....
- Miss Gandy.....

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
October 25, 1939

EAT:TEB

Time 2:30 p. m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

2m  
I called Assistant SAC Zimmer at Los Angeles and told him it is rumored that Mrs. Capone has divorced Al Capone.

I instructed Mr. Zimmer, if possible, to have an Agent interview Capone under suitable pretext and in the course of questioning incidentally attempt to verify or disprove this rumor without arousing Capone's suspicion.

Mr. Zimmer stated this would be done.

*[Signature]*  
W. A. TAMM

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HENRY

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**NEW YORK MIRROR**  
DAILY AND SUNDAY

235 EAST 45TH STRE  
MURRAY HILL 2-1000

Oct. 27, 1939

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x  
Al Capone*

Dear Mr. Hoover

I am forwarding the attached at Mr. Winchell's request.

Sincerely

*Rose* *Begin*  
for Walter Winchell

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807 South California Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois  
October 26, 1939

*John note  
& postcard  
from NY*

Mr. Walter Winchell,  
c/o Daily Mirror,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Winchell:

In reference to the telephone conversation of last Sunday, I have been unable to get in touch with you. I have been at the home of my husband, Ralph Capone, where I verified what I told you. The information that I gave you Sunday was correct.

His brother, Al, will be in New York on or about the 13th of November and he is scheduled to be at the home of Mary Chirco, 606 Liberty Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

It is also understood that the present Mrs. Capone will grant him a divorce upon his arrival in New York.

Very truly yours,

PEGGY CAPONE

P.S. Wish also to inform you that the \$12,000 Income Tax Judgment was lost by Ralph Capone.

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November 9, 1939

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62-39189-100  
Mr. Walter Stackell  
115 Central Park West  
New York, New York

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Dear Walters:

I have just had an opportunity to see your note of October 27, 1939, sent by your secretary concerning the Capone. I have been unable, however, to obtain any confirmation of the material transmitted with this note.

Cordially,

J. Edgar Hoover

- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. Nathan.....
- Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Ladd.....
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United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles, California,  
October 26, 1939**

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Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Kren	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Crowl	✓
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Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

RE: AL CAPONE

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to the telephonic request of Assistant Director E. A. TAMM of October 25, 1939, relative to the fact that the wife of AL CAPONE had divorced him or was attempting a divorce.

Special Agent D. W. Magee of this Office interviewed CAPONE, alone, at Terminal Island for a period of one hour, late in the afternoon, October 25, 1939. CAPONE was approached on two angles during this interrogation. One approach concerned the early history of the Chicago Motion Picture Operators Union, particularly TOMMIE MALLOY (deceased), GEORGE E. BROWN, WILLIE BIOFF, with aliases, JOHN (BIG NICK) NICK, and NICK (NICKELODEON) CIRCELLA, who were also connected with the Motion Picture Operators Union years ago. The second approach was concerning his knowledge of the escape of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE from Alcatraz.

AL CAPONE seemed in high spirits during the course of the interview, and stated he knew NICK (NICKELODEON) CIRCELLA well; that he remembered GEORGE E. BROWN, but could not place WILLIE BIOFF, with aliases. He suggested that his brother RALPH CAPONE would be more in a position to furnish information on these individuals, and stated that TOMMIE MALLOY had been one of his men, but MALLOY got out of line and subsequently was killed in an automobile accident, giving Agent a confidential wink of his left eye while making this statement.

CAPONE then brought out the early history of FRANKIE TORRIO, and explained how he, CAPONE, had left New York for Chicago. He digressed into statements concerning TORRIO; how he had censored TORRIO for being interested in the prostitution racket in Chicago. He stated that he, CAPONE, had made \$10,000,000.00 during the prohibition days in Chicago, but stated he had never been interested in any vice racket. He digressed into conversation concerning RANDOLPH HEARST for whom he continually expressed contempt during the conversation. CAPONE stated he was a good friend of JACK DEMPSEY and that on one occasion HEARST had encouraged DEMPSEY to bring him, CAPONE, to HEARST's beach residence at Santa Monica, California, where CAPONE claims to have witnessed various sexual activities which disgusted him.

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During the course of the conversation CAPONE would stop and ask, "What were we talking about?" and he would have to be brought back to the subject matter, which indicated to Agent that his mind does not function normally. CAPONE stated he formerly belonged to Tammany Hall Party in New York prior to the establishment of his Chicago residence.

During the course of the interview, AL CAPONE spoke of "Sonny" his son, who is now a lawyer and who graduated from Notre Dame. He stated he had received a letter from the school authorities at Notre Dame informing him that his son was a diligent student but that he shunned recreation. CAPONE stated that RALPH ROE, Fugitive, was a likeable fellow and that it was his opinion ROE had actually escaped. He stated that he doubted whether COLE made a successful escape but could not explain why one would get away and not the other. He stated that the Alcatraz Institution was so tight he did not believe ROE or COLE, or any other inmate could possibly get information out of Alcatraz for assistance in having a boat meet him. He stated both of these men worked in the mat shop making mats out of tire casings, and it was the general thought that automobile inner tubes had been left in some of the tiers and they had effected their escape by use of the inner tubes.

CAPONE then spoke of a JIMMY LUCAS who had stabbed him four times in the back at Alcatraz. He stated that he smashed LUCAS with a banjo. He stated he had previously been approached by LUCAS requesting his assistance to escape from Alcatraz.

During the course of the investigation, CAPONE expressed delight in the fact he was going to be released on November 19, 1939. He stated he was going to his Florida home to join his wife and his son and enjoy a family life. He stated he expected to be taken to Florida by his brother RALPH CAPONE who was to come to Southern California the latter part of October. He stated that TOM SKILLAHAN, Head of the Chicago Office of the United States Secret Service was going to accompany him and RALPH CAPONE to Florida. He gave no indication that he had a divorce from his wife or that his wife was attempting to divorce him. It appeared doubtful to Agent whether his family or the prison authorities would advise him of

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a divorce or attempted divorce, in view of his mental condition.

CAPONE stated that he and RALPH intended to establish four furniture and automobile factories in Florida, and that this would give employment to thousands of people. He stated he did not intend to go to Chicago and neither he nor his brother RALPH was going to engage in any rackets. He stated he and the family owned a lot of stock in the Pabst Brewery; that they had extensive interests in greyhound racing establishment; that he still owned the Colosimo Cafe and the Metropole Hotel in Chicago. CAPONE, during the course of the interview, seemed to have plenty of courage and spoke in big figures. He stated they had paid over \$300,000.00 income tax last year.

He continually stated that RALPH CAPONE was making all the plans. He spoke of other connections in the past, naming CLARENCE DARROW as one of his former attorneys. When conversing on old activities and racketeering connections, CAPONE gave confidential, sly winks of his left eye at frequent intervals. He was not questioned on the divorce matter.

CAPONE advised Agent that at Terminal Island he is in charge of recreation.

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Very truly yours,  
*R. B. Hood*  
R. B. HOOD,  
Special Agent in Charge

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**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON**

**Re: Address - Annual Meeting of the New England Postgraduate Assembly, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, - October 31, 1939; 300 present.**

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My conference with Dr. Alan E. Meritt, Professor of Legal Medicine, Harvard University, and his plans to establish a medico-legal institute or school at Harvard, together with my suggestions regarding this planned school, have been made the subject matter of a separate memorandum to the Director under even date.

Upon my arrival in Boston, Massachusetts, on the morning of October 31, 1939, I contacted Dr. Lacey E. Perkins, Secretary of the Program Committee, the New England Postgraduate Assembly, and made arrangements for the conference with Dr. Alan E. Meritt as promised in Bureau communications to Dr. Perkins.

The New England Postgraduate Assembly is made up of practicing physicians from the five New England States of Maine, Vermont, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts, and had apparently attracted some of the outstanding physicians from New England. Present at the 7:00 P. M. dinner of the Assembly were more than five hundred doctors from the New England States. Many of them had been met personally by me prior to the dinner, which was formal so far as regarded the speakers' table at which were seated all visiting lecturers.

I was the sole speaker at this dinner meeting. The Director's regret at his inability to appear personally was expressed to the assembly by me as well as apologies for the fact that Assistant Director Hugh H. Clegg was unable to give this talk as scheduled.

My talk lasted for 45 minutes and was well received. I stressed particularly the work of the Bureau's Technical Laboratory, with tribute being paid to the medical profession and Mr. Hoover's appreciation being expressed for the fine assistance which had been

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profession had rendered the Bureau, particularly in the establishment of the Technical Laboratory. The audience gave me an ovation at the conclusion of my talk and I got many of the outstanding physicians present personally.

A cordial invitation was extended to the entire audience, on the Director's behalf, to visit the Bureau whenever any of them happened to be in Washington, and I assured them the Director would be glad to have them visit the Technical Laboratory.

It is contemplated that the Bureau will receive a limited number of requests from some of the doctors for two Bureau publications of general interest and for two dealing with its work and functions of the Technical Laboratory. It was explained to them that these booklets were for their own information and for law enforcement officers and not for the general public.

Many of the doctors present were interested in scientific articles published by the Bureau from time to time in a list of reprints of such articles distributed at the meeting, with the explanation that they had requested specific reprints of certain articles and that consideration would be given to their request that these reprints be made for the Bureau for the officers and for the laboratory. It was explained that these reprints would be available to the person who requested them.

Very truly yours,  
Special Agent in Charge

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I assured him that I could mention the matter to no one other than the Director and also pointed out that since Mr. Bennett of the Bureau of Prisons had been interested in making arrangements for the doctor's treatment of Alphonse Capone that the doctor should be able to obtain the desired photograph from Mr. Bennett as Director of the Bureau of Prisons. He indicated, however, that he might write to the Director concerning the photograph and I thought he might like to have this information. It is possible that the doctor simply wanted to call my attention to the fact that he was going to treat Capone and may never write in for such a picture. It was explained to the doctor further that any picture of Capone in the Bureau's files would probably be one which had been sent in with an arrest record by some local law enforcement agency and to that extent would be considered to be the property of the local law enforcement agency rather than the Bureau, which acted as custodian of fingerprint and criminal records.

Respectfully,

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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Washington, D. C.

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10:17 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

I called SAC Foxworth at New York with reference to my telephone conversation of last night with Agent Wynn about an article that appeared in the New York Times-Herald of November 6 to the effect that Al Capone was to be released from prison soon and that he may be called as a witness before the new Federal Grand Jury convening in New York this week to study the crime situation throughout the Nation; that the article also said that Federal authorities were said to be anxious to question Capone before the Jury. I advised him that the Director requested that he determine what that article was all about.

Mr. Foxworth advised that the United States Attorney's office is closed today, this being a holiday in New York City, but that Assistant United States Attorney Doyle would be in the office some time today and he would ask Mr. Doyle as soon as he came in.

Mr. Foxworth stated that he thinks the story is totally unfounded; that he bases this contention upon the fact that certain newspapermen told him that they had heard a rumor to that effect but that they had been unable to obtain a confirmation of it. He stated that he is sure that the newspapermen could obtain confirmation of the story from the United States Attorney's office if the story had been true. He stated, however, that he would speak to Mr. Doyle as soon as he came into the office and would advise the Bureau.

Respectfully,

*A. Rosen*  
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Washington, D. C.  
November 6, 1939

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Time 10:12 p. m.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

I called Agent Wynn at New York and read to him the following article which appears in the Washington Times-Herald today under date-line of New York.

"Al Capone soon to be released from prison may be called as a witness before the new Federal Grand Jury convening in New York this week to study crime throughout the nation, it was reported today. Federal authorities were said to be anxious to question Capone before the Jury which is investigating crime syndicates and their ramifications."

I told Mr. Wynn the Director would like to have additional information, if possible, in regard to this matter.

Mr. Wynn stated he would attempt to obtain same immediately and if successful would call me back tonight.

Respectfully,

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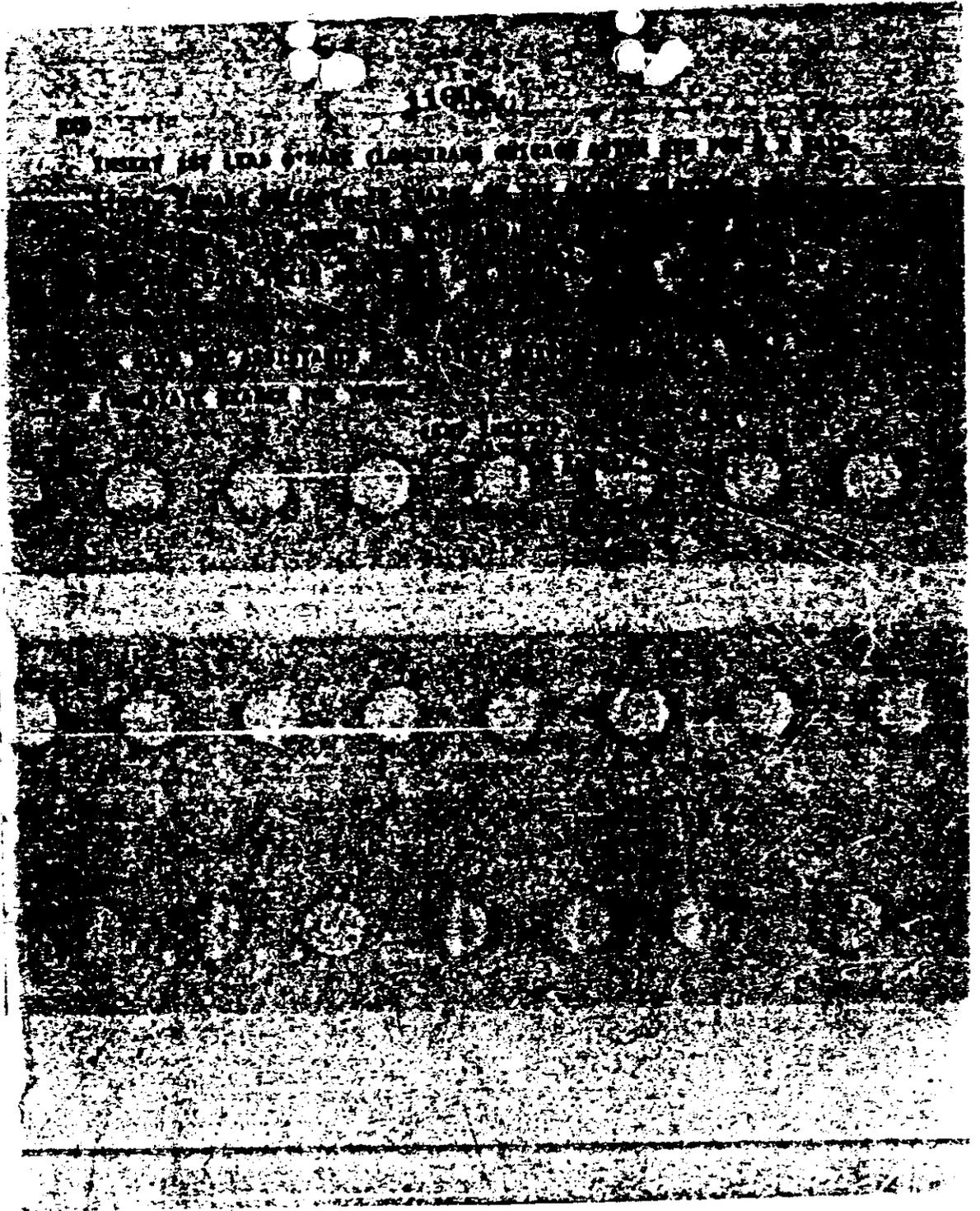
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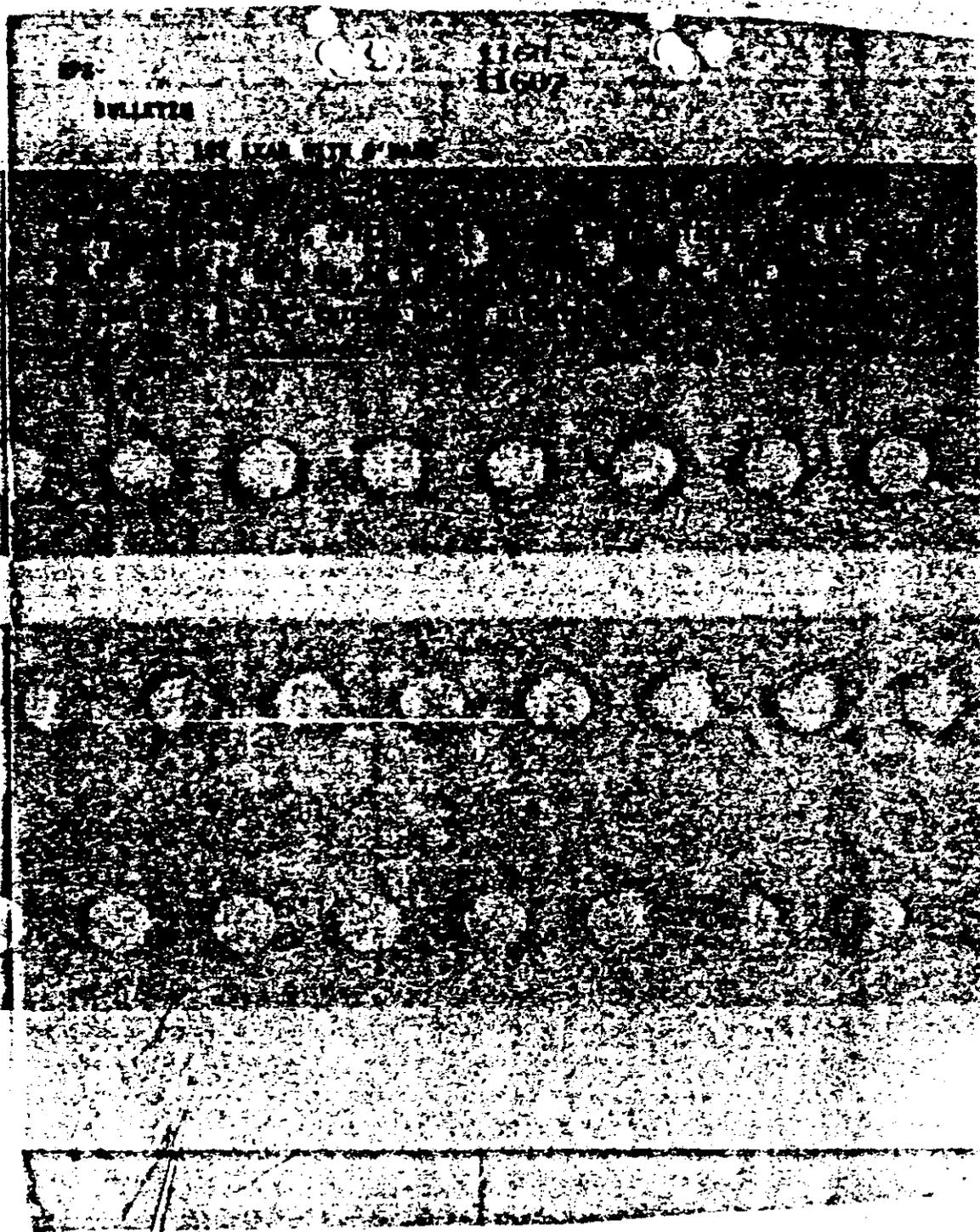
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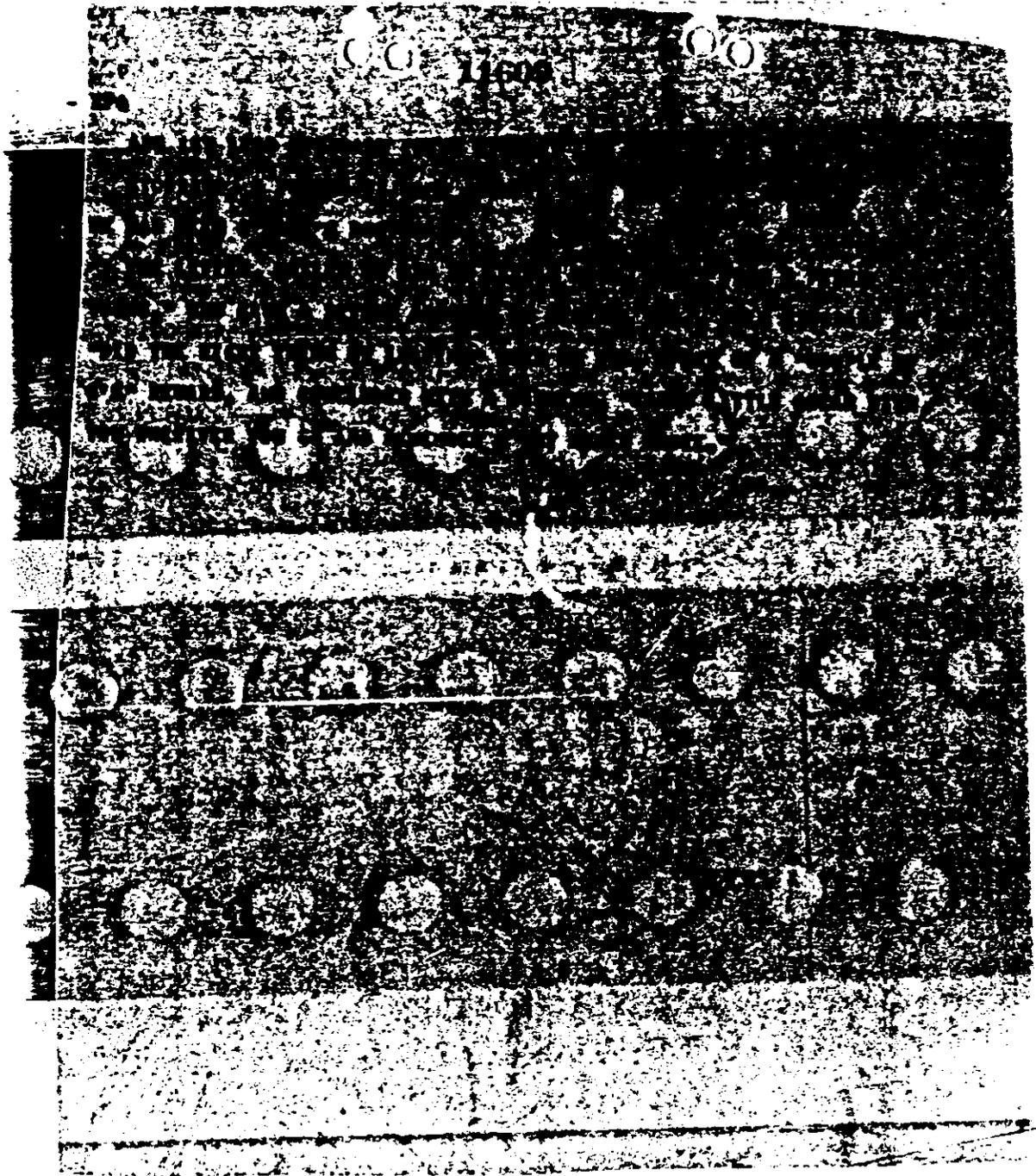




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