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SUBJECT: JACK DEMPSEY



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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

October 21, 1935.

Mr. Tamm says he has heard that Jack Dempsey is to be in town next week in connection with the advertisement of a candy he is placing on the market.

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- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Baughman
- Chief Clerk
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Edwards
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Forwerth
- Mr. Harbo
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- Mr. Keith
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Schilder
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

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January 19, 1939

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Mr. Jack Dempsey
Dempsey's Restaurant
Fiftieth Street, Corner
of Eighth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Jack:

Mr. Dwight Brantley, Special Agent in Charge of this Bureau's New York City Field Division, has informed me of his recent conversation with you, and he conveyed to Assistant Director Clyde Tolson and me your kind regards.

I do want you to know how much I appreciate your constant support of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as well as the offer of cooperation which you so thoughtfully extended to Mr. Brantley.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

- 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. McGuire.....
- Mr. Nichols.....
- Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
- Mr. Tracy.....
- Miss Gandy.....

CC-New York City

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

New York City, N. Y.
January 12, 1939

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

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

DECLASSIFIED BY SP7GT/PDS
ON 1-27-98
(387239)

On January 10, 1939, I had occasion to meet Jack Dempsey, ex-pugilist, and now residing in New York City. My conversation with Dempsey was extended. He spoke of knowing you and Mr. Tolson and is a great admirer of yours and expressed to me a very deep interest in the work that you are doing. He wished me to remember him to you and stated that if there is anything that he can do for you or any member of the Bureau he is always glad to do it.

Sincerely,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JAN 21 1939
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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EAMM
NICHOLS
FOUR
MISS GANDY

*Let to Dempsey
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SUITE 904
145 WEST 45TH ST.

TESTIMONIAL DINNER
TO
JACK DEMPSEY

HONORARY SPONSORS
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GEORGE MEANY

TREASURER
BENJAMIN BLATTNER

March 28th, 1939

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
BRYANT 9-9820	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Cowley	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Foxworth	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

Messrs. Clyde Tilson & J. Edgar Hoover
F. I. B.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

I am sure you will want to attend the Testimonial Dinner to Jack Dempsey in the Waldorf, here on Sunday evening, April 9th. Jack would like very much to have you there.

Not only will this be a great dinner and entertainment, but the proceeds will go to a fund to establish beds in the Los Angeles Sanatorium for members of the fight profession and other sports. This is the biggest and the best sanatorium in the United States for the treatment and cure of tuberculosis and is absolutely free and non-sectarian.

We want a good showing by those in the sports game, so make it a point to attend this dinner. There will be many attractive features, but there will be no solicitation of funds or anything like that.

If you can use only one ticket it will help considerably. If you can use more than one, it will be better of course.

We want the sports folks well represented so help along the cause by trying to get some of your friends to attend also.

Let me hear from you as soon as you can, so that I can see that you get a good location. You don't have to wear a tux unless you want to. 193

Yours in sport, S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

TOLSON
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to the
Los Angeles
Tuberculosis
Sanatorium

WALDORF-ASTORIA HOTEL - SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH

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July 6, 1939

Mr. Jack Dempsey
Polyclinic Hospital
New York, New York

Dear Jack:

I have just returned to Washington after traveling several days, and I did want you to know how alarmed I was at the first newspaper account of your illness. However, it is a source of real consolation to now learn that you are well on the way to recovery.

I do hope you will exercise every precaution in order that your complete convalescence might not be impeded.

With best wishes and kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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- Mr. Nathan.....
- Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Coffey.....
- Mr. Egan.....
- Mr. Glavin.....
- Mr. Crowl.....
- Mr. Harbo.....
- Mr. Lester.....
- Mr. Lawler.....
- Mr. Nichols.....
- Mr. Rosen.....
- Mr. Sears.....
- Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
- Mr. Tracy.....
- Miss Gandy.....

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUL 10 1939
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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1619 Broadway
(Room No. 504)
New York, N.Y.

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September 25, 1947

- Mr. Tolson ✓
- Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
- Mr. Clegg ✓
- Mr. Glavin ✓
- Mr. Ladd ✓
- Mr. Nichols ✓
- Mr. Rosen ✓
- Mr. Tracy ✓
- Mr. Egan ✓
- Mr. Gurnea ✓
- Mr. Harbo ✓
- Mr. Mohr ✓
- Mr. Pennington ✓
- Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓
- Mr. Nease ✓
- Miss Gandy ✓

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I. Office
Washington, D.C.

Dear Edgar:

I am asked to lend my name to a project in Las Vegas, Nevada, now being promoted by [REDACTED] b7c

For my own satisfaction, I should like to be informed confidentially if you know anything about him. He is supposed to have promoted the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED]

His proposition looks good if Mr. [REDACTED] is on the level. Any information you can give me will be held strictly confidential and the source of it will not be disclosed. b7c

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Jack Dempsey
Jack Dempsey
Room 504
1619 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

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Jack Dempsey
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W.D.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. A. Tamm

DATE: September 25, 1947

FROM : A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Miss Gandy	

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With reference to the attached letter from Jack Dempsey, dated September 25, 1947, the Bureau files were searched for information on [REDACTED]. It is noted that Dempsey merely furnished [REDACTED] name with no descriptive data. Therefore, it is not possible to definitely identify him with information in the Bureau files. There was no reference to [REDACTED]. However, one [REDACTED] who was 24 years of age on [REDACTED] was arrested by the Baltimore Police Department on March 12, 1918 for selling whisky to a soldier. It was ascertained that this individual was delinquent in his draft status and a detainer was filed for his appearance before the draft board. No disposition was given for the arrest and no identifying data is available. It is noted that this information is contained in a report by [REDACTED] dated March 12, 1918, at Baltimore, Maryland.

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The only other reference which might be pertinent was concerning one [REDACTED]. This individual came to the Bureau's attention in the investigation of a pending case entitled "Unknown Subjects, Valley National Bank of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona, January 31, 1947, Bank Robbery." He was eliminated as a suspect in the bank robbery. This individual resided at [REDACTED] Reno, Nevada and was employed as [REDACTED] in February, 1947. [REDACTED] was considered a suspect in this investigation due to the fact that he and another individual named [REDACTED] had placed an automobile in a garage in Phoenix, Arizona for repairs and it was alleged by garage employees that they resembled published descriptions of the bank robbers.

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The old German file regarding [REDACTED] was unavailable for review. However, information from the file was furnished by Miss [REDACTED] in the Identification Division.

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Attachment

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W.C.E.

September 26, 1947

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Mr. Jack Dempsey
Room 504
1619 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Jack:

Upon receiving your letter of September 25, 1947, I carefully reviewed the Bureau's files and failed to advise you of any information which might have identified the man concerning whom you inquired. Since there appears to be no record in the Bureau concerning him, this means that the Bureau has never conducted any investigation of this man. While this is itself a negative fact, in the light of the other facts, I think you will be able to better evaluate your own course of action.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

EAT:RNG

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Salt Lake City [redacted]
SUBJECT: JACK DEMPSEY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 8/19/53

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Boardman
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Holloman
- Miss Gandy

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For the information of the Bureau [redacted] has advised that JACK DEMPSEY recently visited Reno, Nevada, he stayed at the Golden Hotel. As the Bureau is aware, this hotel has been owned for a number of years by [redacted] who according to the informant, and according to common knowledge in Reno, is an old time friend of DEMPSEY. The informant also is an old time friend of DEMPSEY.

The informant claims that while DEMPSEY was staying at the hotel [redacted] who is [redacted] of the establishment, made a chorus girl available for DEMPSEY's pleasure. According to the informant, DEMPSEY paid her generously. The informant claims that DEMPSEY himself told the informant that the chorus girl was made available, and since it is not known how general this information is around the hotel, it is requested that the informant's identity be kept confidential.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE 6/9/58

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FROM : G. A. Nease

- Tolson
- Nichols
- Boardman
- Belmont
- Mohr
- Parsons
- Rosen
- Tamm
- Trotter
- Nease
- Tele. Room
- Holloman
- Gandy

SUBJECT:

Stanley Tracy called today and stated that he had just gotten back from Utah today and while in Utah he had a conference with David O. McKay, president of the Mormon Church. He stated McKay is 100% behind the Bureau and is as great a Bureau supporter today as he has been in the past.

As he went to McKay's office he met Jack Dempsey who was just coming out and Dempsey asked him to be sure and convey his very best regards to the Director.

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Gambling Burdens Poor

Jack Dempsey, aging and rich beyond even his own dreams, has somehow been persuaded to do a good turn for the poor kids of Miami.

Dempsey is fronting for a scheme which would limit Florida licenses to four clubs. Each club would pay \$15,000,000 over a period of years to underwrite \$60,000,000 needed for schools and roads.

Dean Alfange, no less, is the lawyer of record in the appeal of Dempsey and Jack Amiel to the Dade County Board of Commissioners. Said Alfange:

"The public interest is protected by limiting prospective applicants for gambling licenses to four. This will prevent a situation like Nevada where hundreds of licenses are issued."

ALFANGE thereby wins the 1958-59 award for distinguished non-sequiters uttered in the interest of making a buck.

What difference does it make whether there are four licenses or 400 issued? If only four are granted I have the utmost confidence in the four lucky recipients. They will somehow make their places large enough to handle whatever custom is available.

Alfange suggests that the presence of only four gambling halls will somehow reduce the opportunity for local residents to go broke. It won't.

If Florida wants legalized gambling that is obviously a matter for the state legislature. But they should be made completely aware of the hazards (community property) as well as the rewards (reduced taxes, maybe).

Gambling in Nevada has made many men rich. It has reduced their tax problem to the virtual minimum. But anybody who knows Las Vegas or Reno must agree that gambling has done little or no good for poorer folks.

Alfange further stated in his



Jack DEMPSEY
Good turn for kids.



ALFANGE
Four can't hurt.

plan, applicants will be given a real FBI-type check. Hoodlums and other parasites won't stand a chance.

That's no non-sequiter, it's bunk.

YOU MAY ASSUME that the Dade County politicians with the power to grant these price-less licenses will hand them out to the most deserving applicants. You may assume it. But you shouldn't.

And, if by some miracle there is no element of graft in the granting of licenses, there

Bill Slocum
EVERYWHERE

are these two facts that make it a lead pipe cinch (to coin a phrase) that the hoods will control the business.

Fact one: this FBI type check will never uncover hidden ownership. There will be respectable fronts galore, like fortified heavyweight champs who are deeply beloved and respected by the people.

Fact number two: Nobody in America knows how to run gambling joints, but hoodlums do. A gambling dive is an impossibly intricate operation. It takes experience to operate one. Hoodlums have a corner on this experience, inasmuch as only they have run such places for generations.

AS PART OF fact number two is the matter of finances. Nobody, but nobody, in America has the cash resources to run such places except banks. The banks have such money. The insurance companies have it, too. But they won't go into crap-type gambling.

It's not a moral distaste. It is the fact that banks and insurance companies don't have the know-how essential to success.

Thinking in Miami is based on the growing desire to legalize gambling on the grounds it will reduce the tax burden on such a matter. Our own Mayor has brought it up.

I don't care whether we have legalized gambling or not. But if we have, it will be controlled by the elected leaders. Let's not fold the rewards of the game to the deserving rich and the added burden it will be to our harassed poor.

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- Boardman
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- Rosen
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- Trotter
- W.C. Sullivan
- Tele. Room
- Holloman
- Gandy

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- Wash. Post and Times Herald
- Wash. News
- Wash. Star
- N. Y. Herald Tribune
- N. Y. Journal-American
- N. Y. Mirror c9
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- Daily Worker
- The Worker
- New Leader

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April 7, 1966

BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

name checks

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Dear Mr. Watson:

Reference is made to the name check request from
Mrs. [redacted] concerning individuals who are to attend a
dinner on April 27, 1966.

The central files of the FBI were checked and found to
contain no pertinent derogatory information concerning the following
individuals in this name check request:

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The files of the Identification Division of the FBI
were also checked and no arrest data was located concerning the
above named individuals.

Enclosures (9)

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosures (9) - sent direct
- 1 - Mr. Gale - Enclosures (9)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosures (9)

- Tolson
- DeLoach
- Mohr
- Wick
- Casper
- Callahan
- Conrad
- Felt
- Gale
- Rosen
- Sullivan
- Tavel
- Trotter
- Tele. Room
- Holmes
- Gandy

NOTE: Per request of Mrs. [redacted] White House Staff

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Honorable Marvin Watson

Attached are separate memoranda on each of the following individuals who were also included in this name check request:

ols [REDACTED]

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dempsey

[REDACTED]

b7c

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (9)

April 7, 1966

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM HARRISON DEMPSEY
also known as MR. AND MRS. JACK DEMPSEY

Summary
DC.

William Harrison Dempsey, also known as Jack Dempsey, and his manager, Jack Kearns, were investigated in 1920 for evading the draft and conspiracy. An indictment was obtained against Dempsey individually for evasion of the draft and against Kearns and Dempsey jointly for conspiracy to effect an evasion of the draft. Dempsey reportedly was claiming his ex-wife, his mother, father and sisters as being dependent on him. The case against Dempsey individually came up for trial on June 8th and was concluded on June 15, 1920, with a verdict of acquittal. Following the acquittal of Dempsey, the indictment against Kearns and Dempsey jointly was dismissed.
(25-4506)

FBI files contain no additional pertinent information relative to Jack Dempsey. There is no information in FBI files relative to Mrs. Jack Dempsey.

The fingerprint files of the FBI Identification Division contain no arrest data identifiable with captioned individuals based upon the background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

NOTE: Per request of Mrs. [redacted] White House Staff. b7c

- Tolson _____
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**United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Phoenix, Arizona**

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Laughlin	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE No. _____

April 30, 1952

**PERSONAL
CONFIDENTIAL**

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

*William J. Harrison
Dempsey, aka
Jack Dempsey
born 6-24-95
Mantoloking, Colo.*

Upon leaving Salt Lake City en route to Phoenix, I met Jack Dempsey at the Salt Lake City Airport. I had previously met him in 1936 in New York City while on my way to Europe.

Dempsey asked me to sit with him on the plane, and proceeded to relate the efforts of one HELEN CESSNA of Dayton, Ohio, to interest him in some Florida property. He had inquiry made concerning this woman, who was described to him as an impostor. A separate memorandum is being submitted incorporating details furnished by Dempsey.

Dempsey spoke of knowing you and Mr. Tolson, and was very complimentary in his remarks about the Bureau. At one point he stated in effect, "Mr. Hoover is the outstanding American of today." I thanked him for his comments.

In general conversation, Dempsey expressed great concern over the peddling of narcotics to youngsters, although he was aware of the Bureau's lack of jurisdiction in such matters.

In discussing the many groups and varieties of persons with whom Dempsey has come in contact over the years, including underworld characters who have followed the boxing game, Dempsey volunteered to be of assistance to the Bureau, stating- "You know, I could do you fellows some good." He went on to explain that he has entree in many circles, and that by this means he could undoubtedly secure information of value.

Dempsey would want to be contacted only by one man and on a strictly confidential and discreet basis. I assured him that this could be done.

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Under existing conditions, in addition to my transfer from the plane at Las Vegas, Nevada, it was not possible for me to probe into Dempsey's specific potential for assisting the Bureau. You are, of course, cognizant of his numerous contacts in all walks of life and throughout the country.

In the event that there are no reasons which would make contact with Dempsey undesirable, it is suggested that a specially-selected agent be designated to contact him, and that when deemed appropriate, Dempsey be given several assignments to determine his willingness and ability to produce.

Dempsey was en route to Los Angeles to visit his two daughters who are in school, and stated that thereafter he was returning to New York City. While he travels considerably, officiating at wrestling matches among other things, it is believed the appropriate place to contact him would be in New York City.

No specific commitment was made for Dempsey to be contacted, but the situation was left such that he may or may not be contacted according to the Bureau's desires.

Very truly yours

William G. Simon

WILLIAM G. SIMON
Inspector

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

601 New York Court House

New York, N. Y.

March 6,

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Jack Dempsey - Victim
New York, N. Y.

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	

Dear Sir:

Jack Dempsey, the former world champion Heavyweight
Prizefighter, telephoned the New York Bureau office to report the
receipt of a letter indicating his baby was to be kidnapped. Mr.
Dempsey was interviewed at the Dempsey restaurant, 50th Street and
Eighth Avenue, New York City, by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted]

Agents [redacted] report that Dempsey was
not inclined to take the matter seriously and was in too much of a
hurry to afford to agents much information. The agents were not
called into Dempsey's private office, but had to conduct the inter-
view in a table booth across from the bar, and the interview was re-
peatedly interrupted by Dempsey's numerous friends stopping over to
pass the time of day.

Mr. Dempsey delivered to agents a letter which is
copied below:

March 2nd - '36
New York, N.Y.

Hello Jack,

Just a line to warn you that your child is an object
of a snach. I am an ex fighter whom you once did a great
favor and therefore I don't want any harm to come to you
and your family.

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You are being followed nearly every time you take your
child out in the park so be careful. I know one of the
plotters a Spaniard who I think lives at 112 East 104 St.
his name I know only as [redacted].

Take this matter seriously and investigate it in
your own way.

MAR 16 1936

Sincerely
Sammy F.

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