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March 12, 1936

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Mr. Rhea Whitley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
607 U. S. Court House, Foley Square,
New York, New York.

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ON 1-27-98
(387239)

Dear Mr. Whitley:

I desire that you give close personal supervision to the investigation being conducted into the alleged kidnaping threat received by Jack Dempsey. You should assign to this case very capable agents and submit to the Bureau frequent reports concerning developments in the situation. In the event definite information is received concerning the case, you should notify the Bureau by telephone.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Mr. Baughman
Mr. Clark
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Ryan
Mr. Smith
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Mr. H. Whitley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
607 U. S. Court House Building,
Foley Square,
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 9, 1936 in connection with the case entitled, Unknown Subjects; Jack Dempsey - Victim; Kidnaping.

In accordance with your request, there are being transmitted herewith, three photographic copies of the original warning letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #1121888

SPECIAL DELIVERY

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. Coster
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
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Director March 6, 1936

Mr. Dempsey claimed inability to determine the signature, i.e. as to whether or not it was Sonny F. or Sammy F. In any event, he could not identify the signature or the handwriting. He stated that he believed it to be work of a crank and he was not inclined to treat it seriously; that he had phoned to his wife in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and merely suggested, without giving the background, that when she took the baby out on the boardwalk or outside the hotel, to have an attendant with her; that he is presently residing in Apartment 20-J of the Century Apartments, 25 Central Park West; that his home telephone is Columbus 5-3038; that his wife (the former Dannah Williams) is presently staying at the President Hotel, Room 431, Atlantic City; that his daughter was nineteen months old on March 5, 1936; that he had returned from Atlantic City this morning and found the letter on his desk; that it had been opened by a man employee in his office who did not save the envelope; that he assumed several other employees in his office have also handled this letter; that during the afternoon of March 5th he received a telephone call from some girl who claimed she was Marion Davies, the movie actress; that he was aware that she was not who she claimed to be but did not indicate he knew she was not Miss Davies; that the women caller inquired as to whether his family was still in Atlantic City and he has a recollection that he replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Dempsey further advised that between 8:30 and 9 P.M. on March 5, 1936, he received a telephone call from a man whose name he did not request who desired to know whether Dempsey was going to Atlantic City, and he was informed that Dempsey was leaving that night; that he does not know whether these two telephone calls have any significance in connection with the warning letter; that Dempsey's picture appeared in the newspapers a few days ago pushing his daughter in a baby carriage out of an elevator; that such item had been value because of the present elevator strike; that it is possible that some crank saw the picture, and this occasioned the letter; that his wife is not feeling well at the present time and he does not desire to worry her over instant letter.

Several cellophane envelopes were furnished Mr. Dempsey with the instructions that he carefully preserve future letters and envelopes and see that they are not handled so they may be processed for fingerprints. He did not indicate that any other peace authority had been advised of the receipt of this letter.

This office will make investigation at the address furnished in the letter quoted above. The original letter will be retained in the New York office pending further developments. A teletype regarding this matter was sent to the Director on March 6, 1936.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley

R. WHITLEY, Jr.
Special Agent in Charge

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Transmit the following message to: [redacted]

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SENT VIA _____ M Per _____

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Laboratory Report

Case: Unknown Subjects
Jack Dempsey-Victim
Extortion

Specimens: [illegible]
1. One [illegible] extortion letter [illegible] Jack Dempsey [illegible]

Examination requested by: New York

Date received: 5-7-36 [illegible]

Examination requested: Document examination

Result of examination:

Examined by: [redacted] b7C

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] b7C/PDS

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

Case: [illegible] | Number: [illegible]

Specimens: [illegible]

Examination requested by: [illegible]

Date received: [illegible]

Examination requested: [illegible]

Result of examination: | Examination by [redacted]

b7C

[illegible]

[illegible]

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DATE 12-5-98 ... SPCE/PDS
(...)

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

607 U.S. Court House
Foley Square
New York, N. Y.

WBM:ML

March 7, 1936.

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

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
JACK DEMPSEY - Victim.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to my letter of March 6th, in the above entitled matter, and particularly to the last paragraph thereof which states that the original letter received by victim will be retained in the New York office pending further developments.

However, said letter was forwarded with my letter of March 6th, and it is desired that the laboratory effect a comparison of the handwriting of this letter with other letters of similar nature, sent to important personages, to cover the possibility that authors of other crank letters may have been the writer of instant letter.

The photostat facilities of the New York Office have not yet been completed (due to moving) and it is respectfully requested that this office be furnished with three photostatic copies of this letter.

Letter-dictated sending photos 3/9/36 - Hurt

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley

R. WHITLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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MAR 10 1936

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: [redacted]

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YOUR LETTER [redacted] IN CASE [redacted] JACK [redacted]

[redacted] FOUR [redacted] OF VALUE [redacted]

ON ORIGINAL [redacted]

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Mr. [illegible]
Chief Clerk
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
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Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Miss [illegible]

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To COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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