JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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7-1581

July 9, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: Unknown Subjects;
Jack Kelly Dempsey - Victim;
Kidnaping.

This is to advise that Miss [redacted], Secretary to Jack Dempsey, was contacted by telephone by Special Agent [redacted] of the New York office, on May 29, 1936, at which time she advised that Mr. Dempsey and his force had substantially forgotten about this matter; that Mr. Dempsey considered the letters received to have been the work of cranks.

The case was closed under date of June 5, 1936, by the New York City office subject to re-opening in the event subsequent developments so warrant.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

E. A. Tamm.

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

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August 21, 1936.

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
JOAN HANNAH DENNESEY - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

There being no further investigation in the above entitled case, same is herewith closed.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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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 16, 1938

Time - 4:45 P. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

[redacted] of the United Press called, advising a story had come out of New York to the effect that Jack Dempsey was planning to move from New York to Salt Lake City because of continuous threats to kidnap his children.

In answer to his inquiry I told him I knew nothing whatever concerning the matter and further that the only one who would know was the Director and he was out of the city. The Director was advised of the call.

P. E. FOXWORTH

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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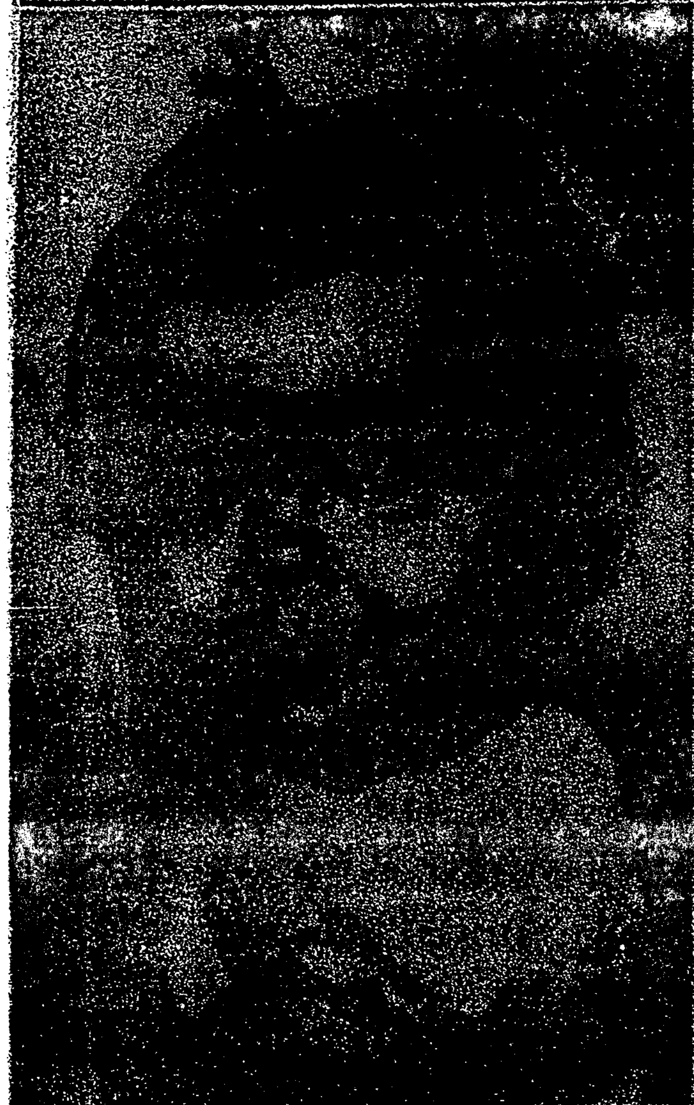
DEMPSEYS BABY UNDER GUARD

Kidnaping Threat Heard

THIS CHARMING young woman is Miss Joan Dempsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dempsey. The baby is being guarded in Atlantic City by detectives and G-men as a result of threats to kidnap her. Mrs. Dempsey, the former Hannah Williams of the musical comedy stage, expects another child in June and has not been informed of the alarm over Joan.

WIRE PHOTO
MAR 9 1936

DEMPSEY TIPPED TO KIDNAP PLOT



[illegible] DEMPSEY

Special Dispatch to New York Post

ATLANTIC CITY, March [illegible].—Jack Dempsey's [illegible] daughter, [illegible] is under protection of a police guard and a special bodyguard because an anonymous [illegible] warned of a [illegible] plot against her, it was learned today.

[illegible] police nor Mr. Dempsey [illegible] the [illegible] but they were taking no chances.

Dempsey and the chief of police here [illegible] the telling of a plot by [illegible]

The Dempseys moved here several days ago to save Mrs. [illegible] [illegible] being [illegible] by the [illegible] in New York City.

NEW YORK POST
Forwarded by New York Office
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Jack Dempsey's Child Guarded By U. S. Agents

Hoover Investigates Plot to Kidnap Ex-Fighter's Baby in N. J.

By the Associated Press.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 9.—The infant daughter of Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight boxing champion, was guarded by Federal agents, city detectives and an armed attendant today as the Federal Department of Justice investigated a purported kidnap threat.

Dempsey disclosed that J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Justice Department's Bureau of Investigation, had telephoned him not to be alarmed and that under the department's direction the worrying.

The former champion professed not to be unduly concerned, but unusual precautions were taken to protect Joan Hannah, the object of the reported kidnap threats.

An armed private guard accompanied the child and nurse on a brief boardwalk stroll. They were trailed by a city detective. At the Dempseys' hotel a Federal agent was on the alert for suspicious characters.

Two postcards, mailed anonymously in Atlantic City last Friday, reported the alleged abduction plot. The writer of the cards, who addressed them to a newspaper editor and to Detective Capt. Harry Yiller, said he had overheard two Dempsey gentlemen discussing kidnap plans on a New York-Atlantic City train.

Dempsey, who has been staying with his wife, the former Hannah Williams, and the child during alterations to their New York home, was informed of the post card warning promptly, notifying the Department of Justice. Dempsey kept news of the kidnap tip from his wife, who is expecting another child until today.

He said she was not frightened when he told her, but urged that every possible precaution be taken to safeguard their little girl.

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WASH POST

MAR 10 1936

Daddy Scoffs at Kidnap 'Threat'

Joan Hannah Dempsey whose daddy, Jack, the former boxing champ, today scoffed at reports that she was in danger of being kidnaped. He had received a threat letter, but termed it a "hoax from some crack," and refused to be alarmed. Film the Atlantic City hotel where the Dempseys are vacationing posted special guards near their suite.

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WASH NEWS

MAR 9 1936

EX-CHAMPION'S BABY GUARDED IN KIDNAP THREAT

G-men have taken a hand in the investigation of the warning sent to Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight boxing champion, that a plot is under way to kidnap his baby daughter. Meanwhile, two detectives have been ordered to guard the child in an Atlantic City Hotel, where the Dempseys went last week after the elevator [illegible] here. Here are three poses of Baby Joan Dempsey.

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However, as a precaution, he has hired a bodyguard for the child.

Two postcards he received, informing him that [illegible] had been plotting the kidnaping, have been turned over to the Department of Justice. They were [illegible]

"The work of a [illegible]," said Dempsey, "[illegible]"

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