

EXHIBIT 2

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
TAKEN VERBATIM FROM "WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA, 1956-1957"**

HOOVER, J(ohn) Edgar, dir. F. B. I.; b. Washington, D. C., Jan. 1, 1895; son of Dickerson N. and Annie M. (Scheitlin) H.; LL.B., George Washington U., 1916, LL.M., 1917, LL.D., 1935; LL.D., Pa. Mil. Coll., N.Y. U., 1936, Westminster Coll., 1937, Okla Baptist U., 1938, Georgetown U., 1939, Drake Univ., 1940, Notre Dame Univ. and St. John's Univ. Law Sch., 1942, Rutgers U., Univ. of Ark., 1943, Seton Hall Coll. and Holy Cross Coll., 1944, Marquette U., 1950; D.Sc., Kalamazoo Coll., 1937; D.C. L., University of the South, 1941, Pace College, 1954. Member bars of District Court of United States for D.C., U.S. Court of Claims, U. S. Supreme Ct. Entered Dept. of Justice, 1917; spl. asst. to atty. gen. of U.S., 1919-21; asst. dir. Bur. of Investigation, 1921-24; dir. Federal Bur. of Investigation, U.S. Dept. of Justice since 1924. Trustee George Washington U.; elected mem. nat. bd. of Boys Club of Am., 1943. Mem. nat. com. on pub. relations Boy Scouts of Am.; mem. nat. advisory council Girl Scout of Am. Life member International Assn. Chiefs of Police and hon. mem. many police, sheriff and other law enforcement assns.; mem. Kappa Alpha, Omicron Delta Kappa,

Delta Theta Phi, Alpha Phi Omega, Zeta Sigma Pi; hon. life mem.
Internat. Assn. for Identification, Chief Constables Assn. of
Canada. Presbyn. Mason (K.T., Shriner). Author: Persons in
Hiding, 1938; articles in numerous mags., law revs. and police
journs. Clubs: Columbia Country. Office: F. B. I., U.S. Dept. of
Justice Bldg., Washington.

**Pertinent Information Concerning National Security Medal
Presented to John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice
By President Dwight D. Eisenhower on May 27, 1955**

The presentation ceremony was held at the White House and attended by members of the President's cabinet. William P. Rogers, Deputy Attorney General of the United States, read the citation accompanying the medal which is as follows:

"As Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for 31 years, he has made an outstanding contribution to the national security of the United States. Exercising exceptional tact, perceptiveness, judgment, and brilliant leadership in a position of great responsibility, he has established the highest ideals of Federal law enforcement and has directed them to realization. His tireless efforts have brought to a new height of effectiveness the law enforcement machinery of the United States Government. Through his well-grounded and clearly defined concept of investigative procedures, reinforced by his recognized integrity and high personal prestige, he has won international recognition for the Federal law enforcement system of the United States.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER"

President Eisenhower's remarks at the ceremony:

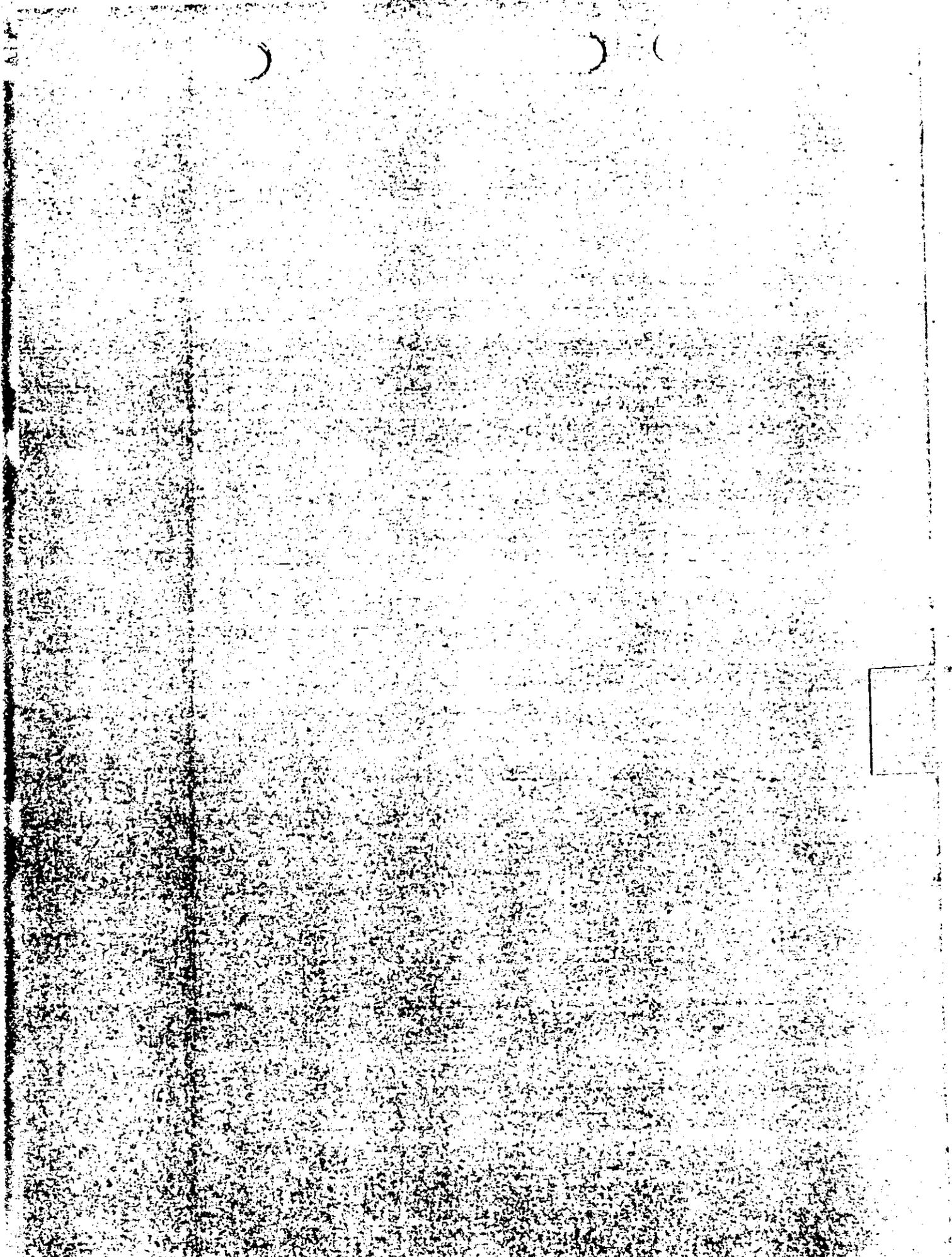
"Mr. Hoover, your dedication and devotion to public service are so long and so well known, your accomplishments in that service are so great and so well known, that it seems idle for me to try to say anything that could add to the dignity of this ceremony.

"Perhaps it is just best for me to say I am proud to be an agent for our people in conferring upon you this highest award that the Government has, and to say that your real reward--as all of us know--is in the hearts, the thanks and the gratitude of our entire nation."

In accepting the award, Director Hoover stated:

"Thank you, Mr. President. I am deeply grateful for this honor which you have accorded me. I realize that it has been brought about through the dedicated accomplishments of the personnel and my associates in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as well as by the magnificent support which you as president and which the Attorney General have afforded us over the years.

"It is a pleasure, indeed, to serve as one of your subordinates."



LIST OF HONORARY DEGREES AWARDED TO JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

TOTAL - 17

<u>Name of University</u>	<u>Year Degree Awarded</u>	<u>Type of Degree</u>
1. The George Washington University	1935	LL.D.
2. Pennsylvania Military College	1936	LL.D.
3. New York University	1936	LL.D.
4. Kalamazoo College	1937	D.Sc.
5. Westminster College	1937	LL.D.
6. Oklahoma Baptist University	1938	LL.D.
7. Georgetown University	1939	LL.D.
8. Drake University	1940	LL.D.
9. University of the South	1941	D.C.L.
10. Notre Dame University	1942	LL.D.
11. St. John's University Law School	1942	LL.D.
12. Rutgers University	1943	LL.D.
13. University of Arkansas	1943	LL.D.
14. Holy Cross College	1944	LL.D.
15. Seton Hall College	1944	LL.D.
16. Marquette University	1950	LL.D.
17. Pace College	1954	D.C.L.



PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

On November 9, 1936, Mr. Hoover was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal from the Boys' Clubs of America, "in recognition of his services on behalf of the boyhood of America and in crime prevention work." The only other similar medal ever awarded by the Boys' Clubs of America was presented to the late John Hays Hammond.

The Northeast High School of Philadelphia conferred its Senate Award upon Mr. Hoover in 1936, and a Silver Loving Cup in 1937, "in recognition of his intelligence and courage in successfully attacking the vicious crime which was attacking our Nation."

On April 14, 1937, he received the Medal of Achievement from the Penn Athletic Club in Philadelphia "for distinguished public service."

On May 11, 1937, he was awarded the Gold Medal of the National Institute of Social Sciences in New York City "for distinguished services rendered to humanity."

On August 11, 1938, the District of Columbia Department of the American Legion awarded him its Annual Citation for "Distinguished Citizenship."

On May 2, 1939, in New York City, Mr. Hoover received the Liberty Magazine Gold Medal for "Valor in Citizenship."

On June 14, 1939, he was awarded the Alumni Achievement Award by The George Washington University Alumni Association.

On September 27, 1939, the FBI National Academy conferred its first Honorary Award on Mr. Hoover in recognition of his pioneering in the field of police training.

On April 23, 1940, the Public Welfare Medal of the National Academy of Sciences was awarded to Mr. Hoover "for eminence in the application of science to the public welfare."

The Veterans of Foreign Wars conferred their Gold Citizenship Medal upon him on October 25, 1940, for "outstanding contributions to the cause of Americanism and the American way of life."

On October 14, 1942, the National Society, New Jersey Society, and the Orange Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution presented Mr. Hoover with the Good Citizenship Medal for 1942 as a token of "appreciation of long and distinguished service you have so signally rendered the people of this nation, for long continued and exceptionally effective and successful service," and "for the mighty influence you and your Bureau are

constantly exerting for the lifting to higher levels the citizenship of the land."

The Holland Society of New York, on November 19, 1942, presented Mr. Hoover with a gold medal which is awarded "annually to an outstanding American for distinguished achievements of marked benefit to his fellowmen." In 1939 this award was made to Wendell Willkie, in 1940 to Henry Ford, and in 1941 to William Lyon Phelps.

In January, 1943, Mr. Hoover was the recipient of the "Optimist Creed" plaque presented to him by the Optimist Clubs of North America.

On January 25, 1944, the Republic of Ecuador conferred upon Mr. Hoover the decoration of the National Order of Merit with the rank of Commander, First Class, in recognition of his collaboration with the Ecuadorian Authorities in the suppression of fifth column activities, the training of Ecuadorian police officials during the period preceding, as well as since the outbreak of war, and for his accomplishments in effecting a closer law enforcement cooperation in the cause of the allied nations.

On June 3, 1944, Mr. Hoover was designated as an Honorary Member of the First Pan-American Congress of Criminology held at Santiago, Chile.

On April 10, 1945, Senor Samuel Lewis of the Republic of Panama, bestowed upon Mr. Hoover the National Order of Vasco

Nunez de Balboa, with the grade of Caballero, one of the highest decorations of his country, for the Director's work in continental defense during the war.

In August, 1945, Mr. Hoover was made a member of the Honorary Legion of Honor, Order of DeMolay.

On November 19, 1945, Mr. Hoover was appointed to the National Court of Honor and the Public Relations Committee of the Boy Scouts of America.

In December, 1945, Mayor Fiorello La Guardia of New York City presented Mr. Hoover with the Certificate of Distinguished and Public Service.

On January 8, 1946, the Board of Directors of the CYO presented Mr. Hoover with the 1945 Champions Award of the Catholic Youth Organization.

On January 11, 1946, the Executive Committee of the Supreme Board of the Cuban National Red Cross, bestowed upon Mr. Hoover the "Order of Honor and Merit of the Cuban Red Cross" with the rank of Grand Officer.

In January, 1946, Mr. Hoover was awarded the Presidential Medal of Merit from the President of Nicaragua.

In February, 1946, the Director received the honorary title of Chief of Cuban National Police with the rank of Colonel.

On March 8, 1946, Mr. Hoover was the recipient of the Medal of Merit from the President of the United States.

On March 22, 1946, Major General Lewis B. Hershey, Director of Selective Service System, presented Mr. Hoover with the Selective Service Medal.

On April 26, 1946, Mr. Hoover was elected a member of the National Advisory Council of the Girl Scouts.

On June 15, 1946, Elbert K. Fretwell, Chief Scout Executive, advised Mr. Hoover that he was re-elected as a "Member-at-Large of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America."

On September 30, 1946, the "American Legion Distinguished Service Medal was awarded to Mr. Hoover at the 28th Annual Convention of the American Legion in San Francisco.

In December, 1947, King George VI of England, appointed Mr. Hoover an honorary Knight Commander of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in recognition of Mr. Hoover's "outstanding contribution to the Allied victory in the field of intelligence and security."

On October 27, 1949, Mr. Hoover was awarded the "Theodore Roosevelt Distinguished Service Medal" by the Roosevelt Memorial Association.

On March 9, 1950, Mr. Frank S. Land, Founder and Secretary General of the Order of DeMolay, advised Mr. Hoover that he had been elected as an Active Member of the Grand Council of the Order of DeMolay and that it was a Life Tenure.

On May 2, 1950, Mr. Hoover received the Grand Lodge Medal for Distinguished Achievement from the Grand Lodge, F. A. A. M. of the State of New York.

On May 18, 1950, former President Herbert Hoover presented Mr. J. Edgar Hoover with the Golden Keystone Award of the Boys' Clubs of America.

On May 21, 1950, the Essex County Council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Newark, New Jersey, presented a bronze plaque to Mr. Hoover "for his outstanding work in combating Communism."

On September 25, 1950, Mr. Hoover was presented with a silver award by American Mercury magazine "as the person making the outstanding contribution in the field of crime detection in the past year."

On June 1, 1951, Mr. Hoover received an honor medal from the "Freedoms Foundation" of Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, for his magazine article titled "Foe to Freedom."

On June 4, 1951, the "Big Brothers of America, Inc.," presented to Mr. Hoover an award in the form of a scroll titled

"Big Brother of 1951," because of Mr. Hoover's substantial and effective contributions in the juvenile field and his work in the prevention of juvenile delinquency.

On June 15, 1951, Mr. Hoover received an engraved "4-H Club Key" in recognition of his cooperation with and interest in this great character building organization.

On August 10, 1951, the American Legion conferred upon Mr. Hoover a citation expressing the appreciation of the Legion for Mr. Hoover's "incessant battle to keep the United States of America forever vigilant and forever free."

On December 13, 1951, His Excellency, the Ambassador of Greece, presented to Mr. Hoover at the Greek Embassy in Washington, D. C., the "Cross of the Grand Commander of the Royal Order of the Phoenix" on behalf of His Majesty King Paul I of the Hellenes.

On June 25, 1952, the Associated Credit Bureaus of America presented Mr. Hoover their Credit Award "for distinguished contributions to the Advancement and Protection of the American Way of Life."

On February 22, 1953, Mr. Hoover received the "George Washington Honor Medal" of the Freedoms Foundation for his magazine article titled "Civil Liberties and Law Enforcement: The Role of the FBI."

On March 14, 1953, Mr. Hoover received one of the "1953 Russwurm Awards" of the National Newspaper Publishers Association "for your outstanding achievement in making possible a richer conception of democratic principles and in tribute for upholding those highest traditions considered as the ideals of the American Way of Life."

On May 11, 1953, the Civic Relations Committee of the District of Columbia American Legion, presented the annual "High Legion Citation" to Mr. Hoover for his "inspirational and outstanding leadership in the District and throughout the Nation."

On May 22, 1953, Mr. Hoover was presented with the Distinguished Service Citation of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism "for absolutely vital service rendered to the United States of America and to freedom everywhere in the world."

On October 2, 1953, Mr. Hoover received the "1953 Meritorious Service Medal" of The National League of Masonic Clubs.

On February 3, 1954, the Continental Dames Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, presented Mr. Hoover with the "Award of Merit" as a token of their sincere gratitude for the services the Director has rendered "for the protection of our Constitutional Republic."

On February 22, 1954, Mr. Hoover received the "First Annual Patriotism Award of Notre Dame" which is presented to "the outstanding patriot of the year, who exemplifies the American ideals of justice, personal integrity, and service to country."

On April 20, 1954, The National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, presented their "Award of Commendation" to Mr. Hoover "In Appreciation for His Long and Outstanding Record of Valiant Service to the United States of America."

On May 5, 1954, the "1954 Award" of the Military Chaplains Association of the United States was presented to Mr. Hoover. This Award is given by the Association "to an American for his work and influence in strengthening the moral and spiritual foundations of our Country."

On May 10, 1954, Mr. Hoover was presented with a "Certificate of Merit" by the Attorney General of the United States of America "in recognition of Extraordinary and Exceptionally Meritorious Service as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for thirty years, and for his unsurpassed record of Fidelity, Bravery and Integrity which has contributed magnificently to the preservation and progress of the United States of America."

On November 13, 1954, Mr. Hoover was presented the "Cardinal Gibbons Medal" by the Alumni Association of The Catholic University of America for his. . . "unremitting effort to

build up (the) internal defenses" . . . of the United States, his . . . "unfailing self-discipline and sense of duty" . . .and his "Justice, by which he has protected the innocent as well as brought punishment to the guilty and rendered to God, to Country, and to his fellowmen what is due them."

On January 12, 1955, Mr. Hoover received the "Honorary Citizenship Award" of the George Junior Republic.

On February 23, 1955, Mr. Hoover was presented the Royal Arch Gold Medal by the members of the Grand Council of the Royal Arch Masons.

On May 9, 1955, Mr. Hoover was awarded the George Washington Honor Medal by the Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, for his magazine article titled "The Communists Are After Our Minds."

On May 27, 1955, Mr. Hoover was awarded the National Security Medal by President Eisenhower for his outstanding contributions in the field of intelligence relating to national security.

On October 21, 1955, Mr. Hoover was elevated to the Honorary Thirty-third Degree of the Scottish Rite in Washington, D. C. This honor was bestowed upon him by the members of the Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, at their meeting in Washington, D.C., in October, 1955.

On February 22, 1957, Mr. Hoover received the Valley Forge Teachers Medal #1. On this same date he received the George Washington Award and this was the first time in the history of Freedoms Foundation where in one day the Foundation presented two awards to any one person.

On April 22, 1957, Mr. Hoover received the First Annual Lantern Award given by the Massachusetts State Council, Knights of Columbus at a Patriots' Day dinner in Boston, Massachusetts, "In Recognition of the Fidelity, Bravery, and Integrity that have Characterized his Outstanding Patriotic Service as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

On August 2, 1957, Mr. Hoover accepted an invitation to become a member of a "National Committee of Sponsors of the Theodore Roosevelt Centennial Observance."

PROPOSED CITATION TO ACCOMPANY PRESIDENT'S AWARD
FOR DISTINGUISHED FEDERAL CIVILIAN SERVICE TO
JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

This President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service is presented to John Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, on behalf of the people of the United States. Mr. Hoover's Federal career exemplifies outstanding and meritorious devotion to his country to a degree sufficient to bestow on him the privilege of proudly possessing this Award as a token of his country's appreciation.

During his distinguished career of more than forty years in the Department of Justice, of which more than the past thirty-three years have been as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mr. Hoover has demonstrated superlative personal leadership and managerial acumen in his position of high public trust and patriotic service. By personal example and precept and through the organization his leadership has fashioned, Mr. Hoover has contributed immeasurably to the preservation, strength and perpetuation of the United States as a Nation, its Constitution and laws, its cherished freedom, its reverence for the home and family; to the welfare, peace of mind and essential security of every law-abiding man, woman and child; as well as to the position of respect and authority of this Nation in the international family.

His efforts have elevated worthwhile American law enforcement to the stature of an honorable profession meriting a position of lofty public esteem and honor.

The firm foundation and stability which his genius has given to the Federal Bureau of Investigation as an institution unparalleled in the field of law enforcement provide for the future a substantial degree of assurance that his worthwhile accomplishments will perpetuate themselves and even broaden in scope.

July 22, 1957

Mr. Alden C. McCray
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCray:

Your memorandum dated July 18, 1957, has been received, and I want to express my thanks for your thoughtfulness in communicating to me Mr. Ralph Edwards' gracious invitation to be a guest of honor on his television program "This Is Your Life."

While I would personally consider it a great pleasure to accept this request, I must advise that it will not be possible for me to do so. I will be very grateful if you will convey to your father and Mr. Edwards my gratitude for their consideration and express to Mr. Edwards my congratulations on his fine program.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: See A. C. McCray to J. F. Bland memo dated July 18, 1957, captioned "Request by National Broadcasting Company for Appearance of the Director on television broadcast "This is Your Life" ACM:mtb" SA McCray EOD 10/15/51, and is assigned Domestic Intelligence Division, in GS-12.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. J. F. Bland

DATE: July 18, 1957

FROM : Mr. A. C. McCray

SUBJECT: REQUEST BY NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY FOR APPEARANCE OF THE DIRECTOR ON TELEVISION BROADCAST "THIS IS YOUR LIFE"

Tolson	✓
Nichols	✓
Boardman	✓
Belmont	✓
Mohr	✓
Parsons	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
Nease	✓
Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
Gandy	✓

Since approximately 1952, Television Emcee Ralph Edwards has had a weekly broadcast on the National Broadcasting Company's television network entitled "This is Your Life." Each week an individual is brought to the broadcast on a suitable pretext and the individual's life is then portrayed on the broadcast. Interesting anecdotes of this person's life are set forth and close friends and associates appear in person. Ralph Edwards is personally known to the writer, although no close degree of association exists. The writer was introduced to Ralph Edwards in 1952 and again in the Summer of 1955 by the writer's father, Tom McCray, who is vice president of the National Broadcasting Company in Hollywood, California. Recently the writer was contacted by his father and Edwards for the purpose of ascertaining if it would be possible to have the Director appear as guest of honor on Edwards' television show. Edwards stated he would consider it a great honor and privilege if the Bureau would consider having the Director's illustrious career with the FBI portrayed in such a manner.

These gentlemen indicated that because of the Director's long association with the Bureau and the continued growth and achievement it has seen under Mr. Hoover's direction, the story of Mr. Hoover's life on a television show of this type would in effect be a story of the FBI. The effectiveness of a program of this type, according to Edwards, is to have the guest unaware that he is to be on the program or that his life is to be portrayed and every effort is made by Edwards and his company to keep the identity of the guest secret.

RECOMMENDATION:

I am in the position to handle this matter in the best interests of the Bureau and the Director, either by advising my father and Edwards that no further action should be taken or by advising them to contact an appropriate Bureau official regarding further information in this regard.

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1 - Mr. Nichols
 Mr. Bland
 Mr. McCray

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I suggest
 declination

I concur. It is a
 great show but my
 life shouldn't be
 portrayed. H.

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RECEIPT FOR GOVERNMENT PROPERTY
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

6/20/57

I certify that I have ~~received~~ ^{XXXXX} the following Government property for official use:
returned

Operations and Procedures Manual on Personnel Matters #1

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The Government property which you hereby acknowledge is charge to you and you are responsible for taking care of it and returning it when its use has been completed. DO NOT MARK OR WRITE ON IT OR MUTILATE IT IN ANY WAY

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
J. Edgar Hoover

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P. O. Box 27892 - Los Feliz Br.
Phones CA 1-3376 or NO 1-5421
Hollywood 27, Calif.

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LA 31 Cal
May 8, 1957

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Dear Mr. Hoover:

To a question asked of fifty men and women at random, we received the following reply overwhelmingly: "I sure would!" The question: "Would you like to see John Edgar Hoover as our next President?"

Following are some excerpts of conversation among a group of friends:

"Does he know anything about politics?"

"He knows enough to keep politics out of a department that successfully protects us from internal and external enemies."

"The FBI is his baby and he may not wish to leave it."

"As Chief Executive he would still be in control, and probably be able to do it plenty of good."

"Suppose, for personal reasons, he chooses not to run?"

"In that event, we will turn project into a national demonstration of the affection and high esteem in which he is held by fellow citizens."

The very thought of your candidacy captures the imagination, and because of the intense public interest, it would be easy for promoters to enrich themselves in collecting funds, etc. We therefore, would like to turn entire project over to a friend of your personal choice.

Before writing the press and such men as Walter Winchell, would you please advise us the name and address of such a personal friend to whom the public may write to present their views?

We don't want to let this thing get out of hand and possibly cause criticism by having wrong people get into the act.

Sincerely yours,

***CITIZENS' COMMITTEE JOHN EDGAR HOOVER FOR PRESIDENT**

Stan Rowsey, *Stan Rowsey*
Chairman.

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Miss Gandy	

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, DALLAS (80-74)

SUBJECT DALLAS TIMES HERALD
DALLAS, TEXAS

DATE: May 11, 1957

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Transmitted herewith is an editorial entitled "J. EDGAR HOOVER", which appeared in the "Dallas Times Herald", Dallas, Texas, on May 10, 1957, which devotes tribute to the FBI's Director on his 33rd anniversary, as well as other highly complimentary comments relative to the Bureau's accomplishments and jurisdiction.

Recommend Bureau forward a letter of acknowledgement to Mr. ALLEN MERRIAM, Editor in Chief, Dallas Times Herald, Dallas, Texas,

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J. Edgar Hoover

IT IS ALMOST standard procedure for congressional committees to pare money requests made by federal agencies. Recently there was an exception. The House Appropriations Committee recommended that J. Edgar Hoover be granted the full \$101,450,000 he said will be needed to operate the Federal Bureau of Investigation during the next fiscal year.

This was a fitting tribute to the executive who today marks his 33rd year as head of the FBI, and who, more so than any other individual, epitomizes sound, modern and efficient law enforcement.

During his long tenure Mr. Hoover has served under 11 attorneys general and five presidents. Under his high-principled genius, the FBI has emerged from an ineffective haven for political hacks to its present-day position of eminence in law enforcement. Over the decades the FBI's jurisdiction has tremendously expanded. The agency now conducts investigations in connection with more than 100 federal criminal

statutes. Yet its over-all efficiency has improved steadily.

One of the FBI's outstanding contributions has been in helping to improve law enforcement at all levels of government. It conducts several thousand police training schools annually over the nation. Its crime laboratory and file of 144 million fingerprints are of basic value to all law enforcement agencies.

The FBI commands respect on many scores, an outstanding example of which is its record in enforcing the federal kidnaping statute. Since this law was passed in 1932, the FBI has handled 524 major kidnaping cases and has solved all but two, the Mattson case in 1936 and the Levine case which occurred in 1938.

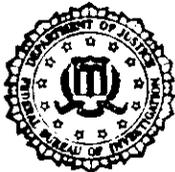
Mr. Hoover's 23rd anniversary as head of the world's most respected law enforcement agency is a fitting time to pause in appreciation of him and the dedicated agents who have helped the FBI achieve its notable record of success.

"The Dallas Times Herald"
Dallas, Texas
May 10, 1957

Allen Herriman,
Editor in Chief

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
May 15, 1957

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

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

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the FBI who has previously contributed to this fund and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of \$10, payable to the Assistant Director, Administrative Division, FBI, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for a continuous period of two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund which I understand is to be administered in the following manner.

The Director of the FBI will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director in pertinent matters. The Assistant Director of the Administrative Division of the FBI shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director. Upon the death of any Special Agent who is a member of said fund the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Assistant Director of the Administrative Division, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000. The liability of the fund shall not under any circumstances exceed the amount of monies in the fund at the time any liability shall occur. The following person is designated as my beneficiary for FBI Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name Estate Relationship _____ Date _____
Address _____

The following person is designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500 death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in the line of duty.

Name Estate Relationship _____ Date _____
Address _____

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Special Agent

April 29, 1957

Mr. Tolson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Nichols	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Boardman	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Belmont	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Mohr	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Parsons	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Rosen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Tamm	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Trotter	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Nease	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tele. Room	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Holloman	<input type="checkbox"/>
Miss Gandy	<input type="checkbox"/>

MR. TOLSON:

Bill Hutchinson called. May 10 will be the Director's 33rd anniversary. He would like to pose a series of questions which could be answered and which they would set up for a Sunday release and he would send out on Friday morning, May 10, over their wire.

I told Bill I would like to discuss the matter with the Director; that one problem which had occurred to me would be what we would do if the other wire services came along. Bill stated that they could submit their own questions. I told him this would be awkward but nevertheless, I would talk to the Director about it.

Since Bill has taken the initiative, I suggest that the Director agree to supply the answers to his questions with the understanding that if there are any questions we don't like we can make substitutions. I told Bill I would call back either today or tomorrow.

L. B. NICHOLS

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*Bill
Adviser*

*No. I am not
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TO : Mr. Tolson

GIR Date: April 1, 1957

FROM : L. B. Nichols *h/s*

SUBJECT: ARTICLES IN
NEW YORK JOURNAL AMERICAN
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ASAC McCabe, New York, called to advise there were two articles in today's issue of the New York Journal American, one concerning the Director and the other concerning yourself. In Dorothy Gallagher's column, "Voice of Broadway," one paragraph is devoted to the following, "Eye Hoover for FBI Film." This paragraph goes on to state that Warner Brothers desires that the Director play himself in the forthcoming film based upon the book, "The FBI Story."

The second item is an article by E. V. Durling entitled "Clyde Tolson--The Missouri Hawkshaw." This article reflects that the ~~Assistant~~ Director of the FBI has great talent as an investigator but also has an unusual inventive ability. The article reflects that you have invented a bottle cap and that you have been offered the sum of \$1,000,000 for the patent rights.

nice sounding sum!

McCabe is sending both articles to the Bureau.

ACTION:

For information.

cc - Mr. Jones

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. William G. Simon
Federal Bureau of Investigation
201 East 69th Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Simon:

I am indeed appreciative of the thoughtfulness prompting your letter of March 25, 1957, regarding the interest of artist Michael Alexander Werboff in painting my portrait.

While I do not have any plans along these lines at the present time, I will certainly keep his offer in mind.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: As noted in Simon's letter, Werboff is one of the world's leading portrait artists and is an admirer of the Director.

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New York, New York
March 25, 1957

PERSONAL

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Late last Friday, March 22, 1957, two of our Agents interviewed Michael Alexander Werboff regarding his knowledge of Boris Morros with whom Werboff has been acquainted since 1938.

*Russia
New York*

Werboff is a Russian-born portrait painter who is listed on page 2911, Volume 26, of "Who's Who". He has completed portraits of King Gustav V of Sweden, King Alphonse XIII, King Carol II of Rumania, Harold S. Vanderbilt, Bernard Baruch, the Honorable Frank Murphy and others. He is represented in the Metropolitan Museum in New York City.

*Offered to paint Director
1/Portrait March 1957*

During the course of the interview Werboff stated that he has the greatest respect for you and that he would consider it an extreme honor to do a portrait of you. He stated that he would present this portrait as a token of his admiration for you. Werboff commented that if you are unable to come to New York for the required number of sittings, he would travel to Washington to do the painting.

Mr. Werboff was told that you would be informed of his expression as set forth above. ^{searched} ~~no~~ commitments, of any kind, of course, were made to him.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Clarification

Our files reflect that Werboff is mentioned as having been in contact with [REDACTED] in New York City in 1943.

[REDACTED]. Werboff is also mentioned as a friend of [REDACTED]. In this case one [REDACTED] in 1950 advised that Werboff is very loyal to the United States and as having no sympathy with the present Russian regime.

[REDACTED]

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

William G. Simon
WILLIAM G. SIMON

December 12, 1956

Dr. Kenneth D. Wells
President
Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Wells:

I wish to acknowledge your communication of December 10, advising me of my designation to receive a special George Washington Award at Valley Forge on February 22, 1957.

I was deeply touched by the action of the awards jury when your informal message was communicated to me last week, and I immediately set to work to readjust my schedule, which frankly impressed me as rather impossible at the time. I am now very happy to advise you that I have rearranged my commitments so that I can be with you on February 22,

I can assure you I feel highly honored that I was singled out to receive this award, and I shall do so on behalf of the organization which I have been so proud to head over the years.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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cc - Mr. Holloman
Mr. Jones

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
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FREEDOMS FOUNDATION AT VALLEY FORGE

VALLEY FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA

December 10, 1956.

KENNETH D. WELLS
PRESIDENT

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It is my privilege and honor to formally advise you of your selection by the distinguished 1956 awards jury, convened officially at Valley Forge from November 24th, to December 3rd.

In the eight years of Freedoms Foundation's vigorous life, our medals, cash awards, and awards to schools and colleges, have been made in every state. Never before have we considered presentation of a special George Washington Award. It is for the most outstanding individual contribution to Freedom during 1956, improving understanding of the American structure of freedom.

We are instructed by the awards jury to strike a special medal and plaque commemorating your works for land of God and freedom. A \$5,000.00 cash award accompanies the medal. This is the largest single award Freedoms Foundation has ever given. You, Mr. Hoover, have been selected from a great number of eminent people to receive this high honor on the occasion of its first presentation. The awards jury, as do I, considers this award as the highest ranking of all citations in the history of eight years operations. There are personal comments of high approval I should like to add, but this is the official letter of presentation of Freedoms Foundation.

We intensely desire your presence at Valley Forge on Washington's Birthday, February 22nd, at twelve noon. The ceremonies will be short but include a fifteen-minute special period for your response to your award, as an address to the American public on any subject of your choice. This will be carried by all media through the length and breadth of our land.

I speak for a determined and eminent group of patriots who struggle mightily in this time of tyranny. It is in their behalf I proudly send this notification of Freedoms Foundation's highest honor to you.

Faithfully yours, 18 MAR 11 1957

Kenneth D. Wells

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Very truly yours,
J. Edgar Hoover
J. Edgar Hoover, Director

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BOSS FOR 32 YEARS—FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover (right) was congratulated yesterday on his 32nd anniversary as head of the nation's No. 1 law enforcement agency by Associate Director Clyde Tabea (left) and Louis B. Nichols, assistant to the director.

FBI Chief Begins 33rd Year, Urges Calm Racial Solution

By International News Service

WASHINGTON, May 10.—J. Edgar Hoover Thursday marked his 32nd anniversary as director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with a strong plea for solution of civil rights problems "without recourse to violence."

The FBI chief, a robust 61, a veteran of serving under five presidents and 11 attorneys general, has been head of a Federal agency longer than any other man in the nation's capital.

The emphasis with which he discussed the civil rights enforcement issue, one of the most perplexing problems the United States now faces, underscored the undiminished enthusiasm with which he tackles his big job as he moves deeper into his fourth decade of Government service.

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J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, right, is congratulated in Washington on his 32nd anniversary as head of the bureau by Clyde Tolson, associate director, left, and Lowell Nichols, assistant director.

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Fate Hoover, FBI Boss 32 Yrs.

WASHINGTON (AP)—J. Edgar Hoover reached his 32nd anniversary as FBI director. He marked the occasion with a warm word for the broad advancement of law enforcement in his time and a hopeful forecast that current civil rights difficulties in the South will be solved "in a responsible way."

He goes into his 33rd year holding the all-time record for tenure as head of a Federal agency. With the Justice Department since 1947, he has been the FBI boss under five Presidents and 11 attorneys general.

Nov. 11, Hoover made no special event of yesterday's anniversary, but there was a stream of visitors to his office to shake hands and to say good-bye to the huge collection of medals on his favorite floor, which come in from all parts of the country.

CARNATIONS
The Carnation City file of the Boston Herald has a 12-page fashion in the carnations.
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schools for local police officers in the southern states, using the bureau's most mature and experienced agents as instructors. He reported the response from chiefs of police and others has been "tremendous."

The schools, planned later for other parts of the country, are being set up to explain the federal civil rights statutes, the areas of local and federal jurisdiction in this field, and according to Hoover, "to emphasize that the FBI didn't write the civil rights laws or hand down the school integration decision."

URGES MODERATION

"It's our job to enforce the laws of the land without prejudice," the FBI director said.

"If we ever started selecting which laws to enforce, and which to enforce, we would lose a respect."

The director's message in this matter was not a warning of a violent outbreak, but a warning that problems can be met and solved.

Hoover said the only things in his mind in looking back over his long FBI association were the immense improvement in

enforcement, particularly at the local level, and the great growth of cooperative effort among police agencies at all levels of government.

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J. Edgar Hoover
J. E. Hoover, Director



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

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

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the FBI who has previously contributed to this fund and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of \$10, payable to the Assistant Director, Administrative Division, FBI, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for a continuous period of two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund which I understand is to be administered in the following manner.

The Director of the FBI will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director in pertinent matters. The Assistant Director of the Administrative Division of the FBI shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director. Upon the death of any Special Agent who is a member of said fund the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Assistant Director of the Administrative Division, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000. The liability of the fund shall not under any circumstances exceed the amount of monies in the fund at the time any liability shall occur. The following person is designated as my beneficiary for FBI Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name Estate Relationship _____ Date 2-15-56

Address _____

The following person is designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500 death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in the line of duty.

Name Estate Relationship _____ Date 2-15-56

Address _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Special Agent Director

1956 3/16/56

MR. E. D. MASON

11/4/55

MR. B. C. BROWN

W. L. D. H. Hoover

JAMES A. CARLSON
FORMER INSPECTOR

Yesterday I saw Carlson, now Assistant Vice President of Westinghouse Airbrake Corporation, Pittsburgh. He stated he has just been selected to become Secretary of the company next Spring.

We discussed John O'Donnell's column of 11/2/55, concerning the Director and possibilities of his being nominated for the Presidency. Carlson is of the opinion that, if the Director would merely indicate an interest in nomination and assuming that Eisenhower will not run, the Director could sweep the country with a greater popular vote than Eisenhower, since more southern Democrats would vote for him than any other Republican at any time.

Carlson mentioned that he, as President of the Former Agents Chapter in Pittsburgh, will attend the National Convention of Former Agents in Detroit on 11/10 and 11/15, that he had heard the Director and Mr. Tolson might attend as the guest of Mr. Ford, that he hoped very much the Director could find time to appear even briefly before the group. He expects from 500 to 1,000 to be in attendance. Carlson stated he realized there were still some members of the group not acceptable to the Director, and for good reason, but that the vast majority are successful business and professional men, leaders in their communities and men of whom the Director can be proud. Carlson said these men are strong boosters of the Bureau and would consider it the best thing that could happen should the Director find time to attend the Convention and make even a brief statement.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.....informative.

cc-Mr. L. B. Nichols

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TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE December 7, 1955

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT :

Beverly Smith of the Saturday Evening Post called on December 5th to advise that Bob Fuoss, one of the top officials of the Saturday Evening Post, who called on the Director a couple years ago, had again approached him about the possibility of the Director doing an autobiography. Smith stated that the response to the Saturday Evening Post autobiographies has been excellent; that he could guarantee an excellent job and he wondered if there was any possibility of the Director changing his mind. I told Smith that I knew for a certainty that the Director's position remained unchanged, although I would mention his call.

cc - Mr. Jones

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TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: November 1, 1955

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

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Jack Adams called to advise that ~~Karl~~ ^{Jack} Mundt had made the statement that Midwest political leaders have agreed they will accept ~~Len Hall~~ or the Director as Presidential nominee next year.

Jack asked two questions. One, what was the Director's reaction? I told him no comment. Secondly, he inquired whether the Director had ever disclaimed having political aspirations. Adams was told that some time ago a similar question came up and the Director stated that he would absolutely not make any comment on any aspect of the matter. I told Jack by way of background and for his own information that as he well knew, the Director was born and raised in the District of Columbia, had never voted, had gone down the middle of the road and never engaged in any partisan political activity. Jack stated he knew this and as a matter of fact, a year or so ago he rode down in the elevator with someone who mentioned having discussed the possibility of the Director's entering the Presidential race with the Director and the Director had replied to this individual that he "had not lost his mind yet." Jack stated this, of course, is not the type of thing one uses as it is not in good taste but he knows what the Director's feelings are.

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I never did see the Mundt statement anywhere. It is possible that query is just a plant not by Adams but using him.

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Mundt Sees Hoover, Hall As G. O. P. '56 Nominees

By the Associated Press

Senator Mundt, Republican of South Dakota, mentioned FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover and Republican National Chairman Leonard Hall today as possible G. O. P. presidential nominees next year if President Eisenhower decides not to run.

Midwestern Republicans with whom he has talked have spoken favorably of both men, Senator Mundt said in an interview.

He said he is not expressing his own preference for any candidate at this time and declined to speculate on whether President Eisenhower will seek a second term.

Senator Mundt said he has found Vice President Nixon "receiving the most support" as the G. O. P. standard bearer next year in the event Mr. Eisenhower is not a candidate.

But he added that Senate Republican Leader Knowland of California, Mr. Hoover and Mr. Hall "also are showing considerable strength in the Midwest."

Senator Mundt said he had run into "a great deal" of talk about the possibility of Hoover as a nominee. He also said that persons mentioned a candidate from New York, they spoke of Mr. Hall

rather than former Gov. Thomas E. Dewey.

Mr. Hall, when asked about the Mundt interview, told a reporter: "If you ask me a serious question I'll answer it. No one, including me, takes the mention of my name seriously. I hope this ends all such discussion, period."

At FBI headquarters, Mr. Hoover declined to comment.

Associates of the FBI director noted that Mr. Hoover, a native and life-long resident of the voteless District of Columbia, has never cast a vote in an election.

They said he has frequently made it clear that he has never had any inclination toward political activity.

Senator Mundt has been participating in the Senate Agriculture Committee's Midwestern "grass roots" hearing and he said Republicans will "have to come up with a farm program that is better" than the administration's present flexible price support system.

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HOOVER)
 NEW YORK - J. EDGAR HOOVER, FBI DIRECTOR, HAS BEEN INVITED TO BECOME POLICE COMMISSIONER OF NEW YORK CITY, IT WAS DISCLOSED. WILLIAM PEER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO MAYOR ROBERT F. WAGNER, SAID HOOVER WAS EXPECTED TO MAKE KNOWN HIS ANSWER TODAY. HE WAS REPORTED TO BE ON THE WEST COAST, BUT PEER DID NOT KNOW HIS EXACT WHEREABOUTS. THE INVITATION TO HOOVER TO BECOME HEAD OF THE CITY'S 21,000-MAN POLICE FORCE WAS EXTENDED A WEEK AGO, PEER SAID, THROUGH A MUTUAL FRIEND OF THE FBI DIRECTOR AND THE MAYOR. HOOVER, SHOULD HE ACCEPT, WOULD SUCCEED FRANCIS W. H. ADAMS, WHO RESIGNED SUNDAY, ANNOUNCING HE WANTED TO RETURN TO PRIVATE LAW PRACTICE.

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(HOOVER)

AN FBI SPOKESMAN SAID BUREAU DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER HAS DECLINED AN OFFER TO BECOME POLICE COMMISSIONER OF NEW YORK CITY.

THE FBI SPOKESMAN SAID THAT HOOVER "HAS NO PLANS" TO LEAVE THE FEDERAL BUREAU WHICH HE HAS HEADED SOME 20 YEARS.

WILLIAM PEER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO NEW YORK MAYOR ROBERT F. WAGNER, DISCLOSED EARLIER TODAY THAT AN INVITATION HAD BEEN EXTENDED TO HOOVER.

HOOVER WAS OUT OF TOWN TODAY BUT WAS CONTACTED BY TELEPHONE AND THE SPOKESMAN SAID "HE DECLINED MR. WAGNER'S KIND OFFER."

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9:36 AM

June 10, 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. NICHOLS

D.C. I returned an earlier call from Major General Arthur G. Trudeau, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2. The General stated he had called to offer congratulations upon the award which the President had presented to me. He indicated he had hoped to personally extend his congratulations but since he could not he had telephoned. I expressed my appreciation for his kindness.

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the FBI who has previously contributed to this fund and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of \$10, payable to the Assistant Director, Administrative Division, FBI, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for a continuous period of two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund which I understand is to be administered in the following manner.

The Director of the FBI will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director in pertinent matters. The Assistant Director of the Administrative Division of the FBI shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director. Upon the death of any Special Agent who is a member of said fund the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Assistant Director of the Administrative Division, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000. The liability of the fund shall not under any circumstances exceed the amount of monies in the fund at the time any liability shall occur. The following person is designated as my beneficiary for FBI Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name Estate Relationship _____ Date May 20, 1955
Address _____

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Name Estate Relationship _____ Date May 20, 1955
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Very truly yours,

[Handwritten signature]
Special Agent

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TO : MR. HARBO

DATE: 4-6-55

FROM : J. S. ROGERS *[Signature]*

G.L.R.:7

SUBJECT: A. J. PALAZZETTI
LIEUTENANT
BRADFORD, PENNSYLVANIA, PD
FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY

Tolson	_____
Boardman	_____
Nichols	_____
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Gandy	_____

Lieutenant Palazzetti, a member of the 55th Session, FBI National Academy, today inquired of Class Counselor Spencer H. Robb if Robb could find out if the Director would accept a Zippe lighter from the Zippe Company of Bradford, Pennsylvania, where Mrs. Palazzetti is employed. Palazzetti stated that one of the officials of the company had indicated that he would like to present the Director with one of the lighters. If the lighter could be presented it could be either a desk type or pocket type and it would be inscribed with either the Director's initials or the Director's name, as preferred. Bureau files contain nothing derogatory concerning the Zippe Manufacturing Co.

ACTION:

Mr. Palazzetti will be informed in keeping with the Director's desires.

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Palazzetti was advised that the Zippe lighter with which he would be given PD

OK ✓

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MAIL FILE

March 8, 1955

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Sizoo	✓
Mr. Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Mr. Tolson:

I spent the afternoon of Washington's Birthday with Fletcher Knebel, assisting him in his two-part story on the Director for Look Magazine. Knebel's attitude generally is good. He told me that he talked to Frank Baughman and Baughman was helpful but that it was still obvious in Baughman's eyes he is as much a part of the Bureau as he ever was. He further stated that he talked to some other people around town, whom he did not enumerate and that he has seldom worked on a story such as this where there is such uniform agreement on the fineness of a man.

G. I. R. A.
but I have no reason to believe...

He told me that there were a couple of critical things that did come up. Somebody on the Hill told him that the FBI was 99.99% pure, but that there was one case wherein an employee of the Bureau who was related in some way to somebody on the Appropriations Committee had received a transfer which was favorable. I asked him for the names and told him that in line with our agreement, we would check the matter and let him know what the facts were. He stated he did not have the names; that he did not know that his source had the names. I told him that he ought to check back on it because certainly if it was something of interest he contemplated putting in the story he ought to have the true facts. He stated he would check back on it.

Was Phila. It was Pittsburg & it was for Sen. Reed who interceded

I then cited the case of the Congressman who called on the Director about getting an Agent's transfer out of Philadelphia canceled. He asked me the name of the Congressman because he thought that it would give additional weight and he thought it would be a matter of interest. I told him that offhand I did not know; that I would check with the Director. This is the case wherein the Director declined to cancel the transfer and the Congressman threatened to get the Director's job and later the Attorney General told the Director that he was not certain that the Director wasn't wrong - that he should have fired the Agent.

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A check has been made of our files. The incident has been used on numerous occasions in the past. There are two situations that we have located which could fit the bill, although we can find nothing in file regarding the AG's conversation with the Director. A memorandum is attached setting forth the two situations.

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Briefly, one involved former Special Agent Horace Bowling. The file reflects that Congressman Bacharach of New Jersey and Sydney S. Mudd of Maryland interceded for him as did Senator O. E. Weller. Weller, however, on

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Memo for Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols

January 5, 1926, wrote the Director expressing his deep appreciation for the transfer of Bowling from St. Louis to Norfolk, Virginia. The other case involved former Special Agent Charles P. Aita. Joseph R. Grundy of Pennsylvania interceded on his behalf. Aita's resignation was requested in 1924; however, the request for Aita's resignation was rescinded upon the intercession on the part of Joseph R. Grundy. Aita did resign on January 27, 1925; however, Congressman Henry W. Watson interceded for Aita and on March 20, 1925, he was reappointed and directed to report to New York City. On April 20, 1925, he reported to Detroit and in August of 1925, was transferred to Cincinnati. On September 29, 1925, Aita requested a transfer to Philadelphia and on October 3, 1925, the Director expressed his regret to Aita that he could not be transferred. Congressman Henry W. Watson then interceded. It appeared that Aita had gone to Philadelphia rather than returning to Cincinnati. The Director explained the facts to Congressman Watson by letter October 19, 1925, and stated his willingness to accept Aita's resignation without prejudice if the resignation was received in a few days. It was submitted on October 27, 1925. Perhaps the Director can recall whether these cases are the ones that he has in mind, although I see no necessity of identifying the case to Knebel.

Knebel then told me that he had talked to one former Agent who had stated that some Agents get in trouble because after working day and night under tremendous pressure, their nerves are frayed and they are told to do something which they can't agree is the proper thing to do and they flare up. I told Knebel that this was ridiculous; that the Director had standing orders that if anyone at the Bureau had any reason or believed that a certain order should not be carried out, that before carrying out the order, they were to state their position; that I knew that there had never been a case wherein the Director had criticized an Agent merely because he spoke up and expressed his opinion. I told Knebel that the easiest way I knew of for an Agent to get in trouble with the Bureau would be to blindly carry out some instruction which he did not understand or which he was in possession of information which indicated the instruction should not be carried out without calling it to the attention of his superiors.

Knebel inquired as to the Director's family and whether he had any brothers and sisters living. I told him he had one sister living. He then stated that this must be Fred Robinette's mother; that he called Robinette who stated he would be glad to talk to him, but not before he got a clearance from

Memo for Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols

the Director. I told Knebel I could see no point in his pursuing a family matter because, after all, there are degrees of closeness even in his own family, which he agreed was correct.

He is going to get up a list of questions which he will give us which will be used as a basis for a very brief interview with the Director. I told him to get up the questions; and if there are any that I cannot handle or cannot readily get the answers to these would then be given to the Director.

Let me see them. H.
He stated also he would like to see Mr. Tolson and would like to see Miss Gandy briefly. I told him this would be arranged, but that Mr. Tolson would be tied up for the balance of the week and that the Director's commitments were such that he certainly would not be available this week, February 21-25.

He stated one of the questions he wanted to ask the Director was about McCarthy because nothing is in the record except the Director's La Jolla comment. I told him that, quite frankly, I saw no point for the Director to inject himself into this matter at this late date and that I thought this was something we might as well skip. He did not answer one way or the other.

Jim Egan called me after he had seen Knebel last week. Jim did not particularly like Knebel. It seemed that he was trying to inquire into the Director's personal life. The three specific points that he raised with Egan were as follows:

(1) He raised the question of Melvin Purvis and other disgruntled Agents. Egan told Knebel that Purvis could not take it and that Purvis was inclined to sit in his office and send men out to do the work. Egan did not believe that Knebel had seen Purvis.

(2) Knebel inquired regarding Ginger Rogers and any other women in the Director's life. Egan told him that this was just so much bunk as far as he ever knew.

(3) Knebel raised the question of difficulties the Director has had with political parties. Egan told him so far as he knew there had been no difficulties since 1933 when there was a concentrated move to replace the Director.

It is nobody's business but mine. Maybe the reason I am still single is that I haven't had the nerve that Knebel has to show in asking the question. N.

Memo for Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols

Charlie Appel also saw Knebel. Charlie called me to advise that he got the impression that Knebel was trying to dig up human interest anecdotes on the Director and that his story would be the human side of the Director. Appel stated that Knebel was friendly in the discussion he had with him.

I am attaching a letter which Knebel sent me wherein he raises certain questions. He states that he would like to talk to the Director off-the-record and not use anything without approval. There are certain matters in the attached letter which I can handle. On the personal side, I will flatly tell him that the Director's personal life is his own, but that his official duties have been such that he has not been able to have even the personal pleasures of the average person. Knebel informed me on Friday that he was now ready to start working on his story and he would like to see the Director sometime the week of March 7th if convenient. Knebel does a daily column usually between 1 and 4 p. m. He would like to have a little notice if possible so that he could work his column into his schedule.

It is suggested that the Director see Knebel briefly in the next few days.

Respectfully,

1. I can't tell from papers attached what has been given Knebel & what he's doing.
2. I am absolutely opposed to giving matters of my personal life. It isn't anybody's business as long as I conduct myself properly & my actions don't adversely reflect upon the FBI.
3. You may not have been to see Knebel. I don't like being a laboratory specimen used for dissection.

L. B. Nichols

LOOK

NATIONAL PRESS BUILDING, WASHINGTON, 4, D. C.

Feb. 24, 1955

Mr. Louis B. Nichols
Assistant to the Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Lou:

Here are some of the things I'd like to discuss with Hoover when I get in to see him. The way I'd like to do it is just talk off-the-record, with the understanding that anything I wanted to quote, I'd ask him and get him to approve the quotes. Otherwise, we'd just be talking for background.

Politics, natch. I'd like to get a feeling of how he has worked with various presidents and attorneys general. For instance, I understand he now attends daily luncheons with Brownell and department heads. Isn't this a new thing. Also I'd like to know how he felt during the scandal days of the Harding administration. Of course he cleaned house as soon as he had the chance, but how did he operate in the meantime. Any incident of attempted muddugery around him?

The Communist issue. How does he feel about the extra-curricula investigators, especially Joe McCarthy? What impelled him to testify in the Harry Dexter White case.

The liberal vs. Hoover issue. What does he think impells people to think he has tampered with our liberties when no one can cite a case where he actually has done so. I know what you and I think on this, but I'd like to hear him. Without regard to party, how does he classify his beliefs on the broad issues of the day. He speaks to the DAR and American Legion, for instance. Would he address the Association for the United Nations or other outfits dedicated to internationalism.

Personal stuff. The case for the bachelor. How come never married. Ever fall in love. Is it true he abhors formal dinner parties of the Cafritz and Mrs. Davies variety. Tastes in reading, music. ~~xxxxix~~ Leisure time desires and hobbies, if any. How come he has enjoyed the night clubs and race tracks. Nothing wrong with either, but usually doesn't fit with a character marked by strict discipline and streak of evangelistic fervor. A little on the practical jokes he has played on folks.

Hoover and the FBI. Not one person in a thousand would say the FBI hasn't done a remarkable job, but some people accuse Hoover of channeling everything through his name and making Hoover and the FBI synonymous. Does he think this essential for high efficiency.

Future. Will he retire or does he want to keep at the job as long as he can, assuming the administration in power wants him.

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2----Knebel

Also, Lou, I'd still like to see Tolson and Miss Gandy for 15 to 20 minutes each.

Don't bother about the research on leading FBI cases. I find here in our little library "The Story ~~System~~ of the FBI," by the editors of LOOK in 1947. It is a swell job, I think, and has about all I'd need on that score.

I would like to have the name of the politician who threatened to get Hoover's job before nightfall and then Stone told him he should have fired the agent involved.

Would also like about a dozen Hoover speeches of recent times, to read through for the flavor and some quotes.

That's all for now,

Sincerely,

Fletcher

Fletcher Knebel

**QUESTIONS WHICH FLETCHER KNEBEL WOULD LIKE
TO TAKE UP WITH THE DIRECTOR AS REFLECTED IN
HIS LETTER OF FEBRUARY 24, 1955**

1. Knebel states he would like to get a feeling of how the Director has worked with various Presidents and Attorneys General. He understands the Director now attends daily luncheons with the Attorney General and Department heads. Isn't this a new thing? He would like to know how the Director felt during the scandal days of the Harding Administration, and while the Director cleaned house as soon as he could, how did he operate in the meantime? Were there any incidents of skulduggery around him?

Suggested answer: The Director is in a nonpolicy-making position. It is his duty to carry out policy. It is the duty of the heads of Government to make policy.

As to Presidents, both before and during World War II, the Director had frequent contacts with FDR. After the war, the need did not exist; and while the Director's relationship with Truman was official and pleasant, the necessity of frequent contact did not arise.

As to Attorneys General, the Director's only position could be that the Attorney General is his superior and he respects him as such. Due to events, situations and the time, varying emphasis has been placed upon the FBI. I do not think it would be in good taste to express our real feelings on Tom Clark, for example, and some of the others.

With reference to the daily luncheons, Brownell is the first Attorney General to inaugurate the practice of having daily luncheons participated in by staff heads. Other Attorneys General have had staff conferences which the Director has always attended.

Regarding the scandal days of the Harding Administration, what Knebel is getting to here is something personal. I think the Director might very well relate the practice that in those days Agents said they were with the Government rather than the FBI. The Director can also reflect his own views of disgust at the situation as it existed and his determination to build up the Bureau on the basis of merit and ability.

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2. On the Communist issue, Kaebel asked as to the Director's feelings about the extracurricular investigators, especially McCarthy? What impelled the Director to testify in the Harry Dexter White case?

It is suggested that the Director take the traditional position he had had on the role of Congressional investigations; how this is the only form in America that can accomplish certain functions, pointing out the need for corrective legislation, and the Director should refrain from making any comment on any individual Senator. If Kaebel presses on the McCarthy issue, I think the Director's position should be that with reference to the censure and recent controversy, the Director as a matter of policy does not inject himself into such matters.

On the Harry Dexter White case, the Director, of course, declined to testify on two occasions and did testify only after garbled accounts were widely publicized which prompted the committee to finally insist on the Director's testimony at which time the matter was referred to the Attorney General.

3. The liberal vs the Director issue and what does he think impells people to think he has tampered with our liberties when no one can cite a case where he actually has done so?

I think the Director's position here should be that he is at a loss to understand the basis for this issue; that some of our most effective support has come from the honest liberals. I think that a line of demarcation should be drawn between the honest liberal and the pseudo-liberal.

4. Without regard to Party, how does the Director classify his beliefs on the broad issues of the day. He speaks to the Daughters of the American Revolution and the American Legion, for example, would he address the Association for the United Nations?

The Director, of course, has not accepted invitations to make formal speeches since 1950. He has addressed varying types of groups ranging from the General Federation of Women's Clubs to the national convention of the B'nai B'rith. As to the Director's beliefs on the broad issues of the day, he does not inject himself into political matters. I think that this should be side-stepped.

5. Knebel refers to the question of personal data - why the Director never married?

This, of course, is none of Knebel's business and should it come up, I think Knebel should be told that time, events, situations never permitted.

6. Is it true the Director abhors formal dinner parties?

The answer, of course, is that the Director cannot with any degree of certainty make commitments in advance. When he found it necessary to be canceling commitments many years ago, he stopped accepting invitations; that there are just not enough hours in the day and that even when he goes home at night, he takes work with him.

7. Tastes in reading, music, leisure time and hobbies, if any.

The position in this is obvious. The Director tries to keep abreast of current matters with an occasional wild west story. When he has time for hobbies, it is taking care of his home, garden, collection of bronzes and so forth.

8. Why does the Director enjoy night clubs and race tracks? While there is nothing wrong with this, it does not fit with a character marked by strict discipline and a streak of evangelistic fervor.

The answer to this is, of course, the Director enjoys the outdoors and gets pleasure out of going to an occasional race track. His visits to night clubs are quite infrequent; however, he can see more individuals in a short period of time when he goes to the Stork Club, for example, than he could if he deliberately set out to contact people.

9. Knebel observes that not one person in a thousand would say the FBI has not done a remarkable job but some people accuse the Director of channeling everything through his name and making his name and the FBI synonymous. Is this essential for high efficiency?

Here again the answer is obvious. In a highly integrated organization such as the Bureau, everything must channel through a few funnels, and what Knebel neglected to raise in his question was what about the brickbats which the Director catches for the whole organization.

10. What about the future? Will the Director retire or does he want to keep on the job as long as he can?

I think this should be answered by the observation that no thought has been given to this. There is too much unfinished business at this point to even be entertaining such thoughts.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1340 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles 17, California
March 18, 1955

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

PERSONAL

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson
Associate Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tolson:

Attached herewith is a memorandum concerning
an allegation against the Director.

These insulting allegations are so rotten and
completely unfounded that it is even unpleasant to handle
them. I do feel, however, that you and Mr. Hoover should
know about them.

I advised Agent Pond that under no circumstances
is he ever to have anything to do again with the [redacted]
because certainly they do not have much to talk about if
Mrs. [redacted] repeats such preposterous gossip.

If the Director is able to identify Kendall and
he should happen to live out this way, I would like to
straighten him out in this matter.

Respectfully yours,

John F. Malone
JOHN F. MALONE
Special Agent in Charge

JFM:KH

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Mrs. [REDACTED] was firmly impressed with the maliciousness of such comments and seemed to be considerably perturbed over the statement which she had made. She commented that she was afraid her husband ([REDACTED]) might leave her because of the comments as he was opposed to anyone indulging in malicious rumors. She insisted that she would not discuss any such rumors or gossip further and expressed herself as being sincerely sorry for ever having made any comments of this type concerning the Director.

No further action with reference to this matter appears to be warranted at this time.

ACTION:

None.

I agree
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : *[Handwritten initials]*

FROM : *[Handwritten initials]* W. W. Glascock

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S PHONE NUMBER IN MIAMI, FLORIDA

DATE: December 19, 1954

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Boardman	_____
Nichols	_____
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At 7:50 P.M., December 18, 1954, SAC C.E. Weeks telephonically requested that Mr. Nichols be advised that the Director should be called through telephone number I. W. 204 at Miami, Florida, instead of the number previously used - TT 204.

Weeks was sure that there would thus be no further difficulty in reaching the Director.

Inasmuch as the writer was unable to contact Mr. Nichols immediately the above information was furnished to Mr. J. J. McGuire.

In addition, the Bureau switchboard was requested to make the necessary corrections in its records, to place a note on Mr. Nichols' desk containing this information and to give him a message concerning the Director's telephone number when he calls in.

ACTION:

None, this is for your information. It is also suggested that this memorandum be routed to Mr. Nichols.

ADMIN:

At 10:00 P.M. the telephone operator advised that a message re the Director's phone number at Miami had been given to Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Nichols — *[Handwritten initials]*
 Mr. Belmont
 Mr. Glascock

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Director, FBI

March 18, 1955

SAC, Los Angeles

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Allegation Concerning the Director

On this date a memorandum was received from SA Wayne Y. Pond, the resident agent at Victorville, California, wherein he advised that on approximately February 9 last, [REDACTED] in charge of the Sheriff's Office substation at [REDACTED] was reported to his superior, [REDACTED] (NA), Sheriff of [REDACTED], as having been in an argument with an unknown individual at the Red Log Cocktail Lounge, during which [REDACTED] allegedly pulled his gun and threatened the individual with whom he was arguing. Subsequent investigation refuted the allegation that [REDACTED] had pulled the gun. However, it was learned that [REDACTED] had had several drinks and as a result Sheriff [REDACTED] transferred him from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] effective March 15th.

On the evening of February 26, [REDACTED] and his wife, [REDACTED], visited with Special Agent and Mrs. WAYNE POND at their home, and according to SA POND, the only purpose of the visit was to ask SA POND to intercede with Sheriff [REDACTED] for cancellation of his transfer. SA POND advised [REDACTED] that he would have absolutely no part in such a thing. During the evening [REDACTED] stated that in 1934 she was living in New York City, during which time she became acquainted with numerous show people, including a beautiful blonde by the name of MARILYN (ph) (last name not recalled but begins with "M"). Mrs. [REDACTED] claimed to have lived with MARILYN for a short time in an apartment about 1½ blocks from Park Avenue. A short time later, Mrs. [REDACTED] was told by an elderly gentleman by the name of KENDALL (ph) (first name not recalled) that MARILYN had been the girl friend of and supported for seven years by J. EDGAR HOOVER. KENDALL claimed to be a close friend of Mr. HOOVER. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that she receives a Christmas card each year from KENDALL but could furnish no helpful information in regard to his identity.

Agent POND told Mrs. [REDACTED] in no uncertain terms that her story was untrue. He stated that Mr. HOOVER's character and reputation have been attacked many times but are still unblemished. 561-310

Agent POND pointed out that Mrs. [REDACTED] has established a reputation as a heavy drinker and a nasty-mouthed person who has frequent quarrels with her husband. She often leaves home and "makes the rounds." SA POND stated, however, that Mrs. [REDACTED] was definitely not under the influence of liquor in his home on the evening in question. He pointed out that [REDACTED] has been most cooperative with him and with the Bureau while in the Sheriff's Office at [REDACTED], and he extended to Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] the usual courtesies of his home. He let them know, however, that Mrs. [REDACTED]'s remarks in regard to the Director were entirely unappreciated.

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Re: [REDACTED]

I asked SA POND why this matter was not referred to me immediately after the event occurred in his home on February 26, and he stated that it did not occur to him that anything could be done about it because he felt he had dressed Mrs. [REDACTED] down in no uncertain terms and that it was probably not possible, on the basis of the meager information available, to identify KENDALL.

I told POND that I want to be advised immediately of anything that involves the good name of Mr. HOOVER and I will make the decisions as to what disposition will be made of the information.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: November 15, 1954

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

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SUBJECT: THE DIRECTOR'S VISIT
TO DENVER
ADMINISTRATIVE

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J. Edgar Hoover

Recently while in Denver to lecture at an Intelligence Conference of the United States Air Force, William C. Sullivan visited the Denver Field Office.

It was of interest to Sullivan to learn that they are still talking about the Director's visit to Denver of some time ago (relative to the conference with President Eisenhower).

It seems that while in Denver the Director expressed himself as being strongly opposed to pomp, ceremony ostentation and general artificiality which so often characterizes the "high brass" of the armed services. The Director apparently made it evident that he did not care for it, not only in the armed services but wherever it is to be found.

This made a profound and lasting impression on the men of the Denver Office. They were delighted. They are still quoting among themselves some of the jesting and humorous remarks which the Director made on the subject. They commented on how friendly, democratic and unassuming his own attitude was--a decided contrast to the attitude of so many Generals, Admirals, etc. known to the Agents over a period of time. Apart from the official purpose of the Director's visit to Denver, it was very obvious to Sullivan that his visit to Denver did the men in that office a great deal of good. One Agent summed up well the attitude of all with this remark, overheard by Sullivan, "The Boss is welcome back here any day--even if he drops in on us without warning."

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This is for your information.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Who's to Follow Famous Hoover As FBI Head?

One of the most intriguing questions in Washington today is: Who can, or will, succeed J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, when he retires from service?

It has been the subject of much discussion ever since the early "new deal" days, when some politicians were out unsuccessfully to get Mr. Hoover's scalp.

Latest name to enter the discussions is that of Leland V. Boardman, who succeeded Daniel M. Ladd as head of investigations. Ladd previously had been considered as a successor.

Remain Anonymous

By choice, the few key men around Mr. Hoover are members of an organization known as Anonymity Anonymous. And since his appointment, Boardman very definitely has joined that group, pulling the soundproof walls of the bureau around him.

But because of his lectures and other law enforcement groups before his appointment, he is a better known FBI official.

Before his advancement, Mr. Boardman was special agent in charge of the important New

York City office, a title he held previously in Milwaukee, Cleveland, Seattle, Kansas City and Philadelphia.

President of Anonymity Anonymous is Clyde Tolson, who is in charge when Mr. Hoover is out of town. His title is associate director. He and Mr. Hoover became friends when they worked together on the arrest of Alvin Karpis, the gangster, in New Orleans in 1936.

Another Mentioned

Another prominently mentioned successor for Mr. Hoover is Lou Nichols, in charge of the bureau's records and communications. He's very close to Mr. Hoover, and if he can't produce from memory some scrap of information on the FBI which may be ten years old, he'll get it from his files in seconds.

Before Ladd's retirement, the trio of Tolson, Nichols, and Ladd were considered the top men in the bureau. Now Boardman is one.

Ladd's statement on the day of his retirement is typical of the devotion they all have for Mr. Hoover. Asked what he considered the most significant development in crime detection during the many years he had been in the bureau, his answer was:

"Why, Mr. Hoover's leadership in making law enforcement a respected profession and his development of scientific crime laboratories work, of course."

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September 8, 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MOHR

I wish to hereby designate my estate as my
beneficiary for the recently issued Federal
Employees Group Life Insurance policy.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
J. Edgar Hoover

Witness: *John P. Neal* - Sept. 8, 1954
355 D. Street, Arlington, Va.
Witness: *Richard K. Callahan* - Sept. 8, 1954
4301 Buchanan St., N.E. - Wash. 17, D.C.

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