

Box 244
Baton Rouge, La.,
December 30th, 1935

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am well aware of the fact that Louisiana politics is no concern of yours. But since my letter of Dec. 13th to you with regard to a Senate inquiry into the circumstances of the killing of Senator Long, I have read Governor O. K. Allen's statement suggesting the same thing. He says that if he is elected to the Senate he will introduce a resolution demanding an investigation of Senator Long's death. Of course, the Governor is just bluffing, as he has the complete power to investigate the death through the State machine. He has not only refused to have a REAL investigation but he and his men have gone out of their way to prevent such a thing. They attempt to cover up the truth. Since the Governor has suggested that the United States Senate investigate this death, This August Body of Senators might take him at his word and have the investigation prior to the election and bring out the true circumstances surrounding the death. That would be an effective way of calling his bluff and at the same time would deal a decisive blow against the State Administration prior to the election on January 21, 1936. If the Senate does not have the power or the jurisdiction to hold such an investigation, then the electorate of Louisiana might be officially informed of that fact prior to the election and it would have the effect of telling the public that Governor O. K. Allen does not know enough and is not capable of being a United States Senator.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph A. Gladney
Joseph A. Gladney

P.S.

Enclosed is a newspaper clipping from the December 30th issue of the Times Picayune giving Governor Allen's statement to the people in one of his speeches on the stump to the effect that if he is elected to the Senate he would introduce a resolution to demand an investigation of Senator Long's death.

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Box 244
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Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
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U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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I am in receipt of your letter dated December 4th, 1935 in which you state that your department is not making an investigation into the circumstances of the death of the late Senator Huey Long, inasmuch as the matter is not one which constitutes a violation of any Federal law within the investigative jurisdiction of your bureau. The people of Louisiana who realize that the truth has been concealed from the public regret very much that the wronged public cannot turn to the Federal Government and have the true facts brought to light.

We all realize, as you noted in your letter to me, that the Federal Courts do not have jurisdiction of this killing, and this is true, even tho a U. S. Senator was killed and two Congressmen from Louisiana have been openly and publicly accused of being connected with a plot and conspiracy to kill Senator Long, which conspiracy it is alleged was carried out in the killing of the Senator Long by Dr. Carl A. Weiss. Since the Administration in this State has made the alleged assassination the outstanding issue in their present campaign for re-election on January 21, 1936, if the true facts were known by the public their campaign would collapse and their candidates would be defeated. I am sending you a copy of the American Progress which will be evidence of how they are using the death to further their own ends.

I feel that it is within your power, and for that reason almost your duty to bring to light the true facts about this killing. I feel that this is so because of the effect that it would have on the people of Louisiana. It would act as a boomerang on the administration, making the people realize what type of men are now running their government. This would bring about the election of the Honorable Cleveland Dear who is truly an honest man, according to the reports that I receive not just from his supporters, but from his enemies who have known him all of their lives.

It seems to me that the only effective way to bring the truth to light is through the doorway of the Senate by using one of their investigating committees as the mouthpiece. Only your department has the ability to produce the real evidence to such a committee. I feel that a suggestion from you to the key Senators would ~~xxxx~~ result in the Senate extending you authority to make the necessary investigation. The Senate should hold such an inquiry for the good of the public. The inquiry would have to be held and completed prior to election day which is January 21st. It would be one of the most sensational hearings ever pulled off in the history of Louisiana and probably the country, and it would be a revelation and relief to the honorable portion of our great state and Nation. I hope that I do not seem too forward in my suggestion to you, but if you would inquire throughout this state you would find that I am merely one of many thousands who have in mind this same thought.

Sincerely yours,
Joseph A. Gladney
Joseph A. Gladney

P.S. I know the sources where the truth might be obtained. JG

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Mr. L. F. Guerre,
Superintendent
Bureau of Criminal
Identification and Investigation,
Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

My dear Superintendent:

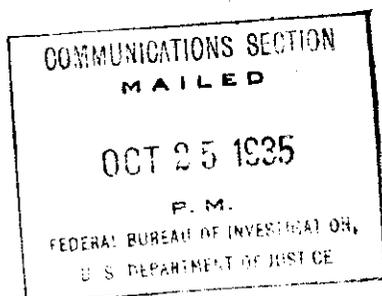
Reference is made to your letter of October 16, 1935, describing the automatic pistol used in the assassination of the late Senator Huey P. Long and enclosing a photograph of this gun. In reply to your request I wish to advise that the files of this Bureau reflect that firearms manufactured by Fabrique Nationale d'Armes de Guerre, of Herstal, Belgium are imported and distributed by the Browning Arms Company, St. Louis, Missouri, and J. L. Galef, 75 Cambridge Street, New York City. No information concerning this particular gun is contained in our files.

Assuring you of my desire to be of assistance to you in this matter, I am,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



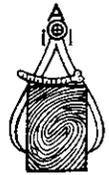
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PHONE 5353

P. O. BOX 1069

BATON ROUGE

October 16, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

This Bureau is making an investigation of the assassination of the late Senator Huey P. Long of Louisiana, and we are endeavoring to trace the importation of the Browning automatic pistol with which he was shot.

Enclosed is a photograph of this pistol which was manufactured by the Fabrique Nationale d'Armes de Guerre, Herstale, Belgique, and bears serial number 319446.

We would appreciate very much any effort you might make to ascertain who their importers in this country are, so that we may take the matter up with them with a view of locating the sale of this particular weapon.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

L. F. Guerre
L. F. Guerre,
Superintendent.

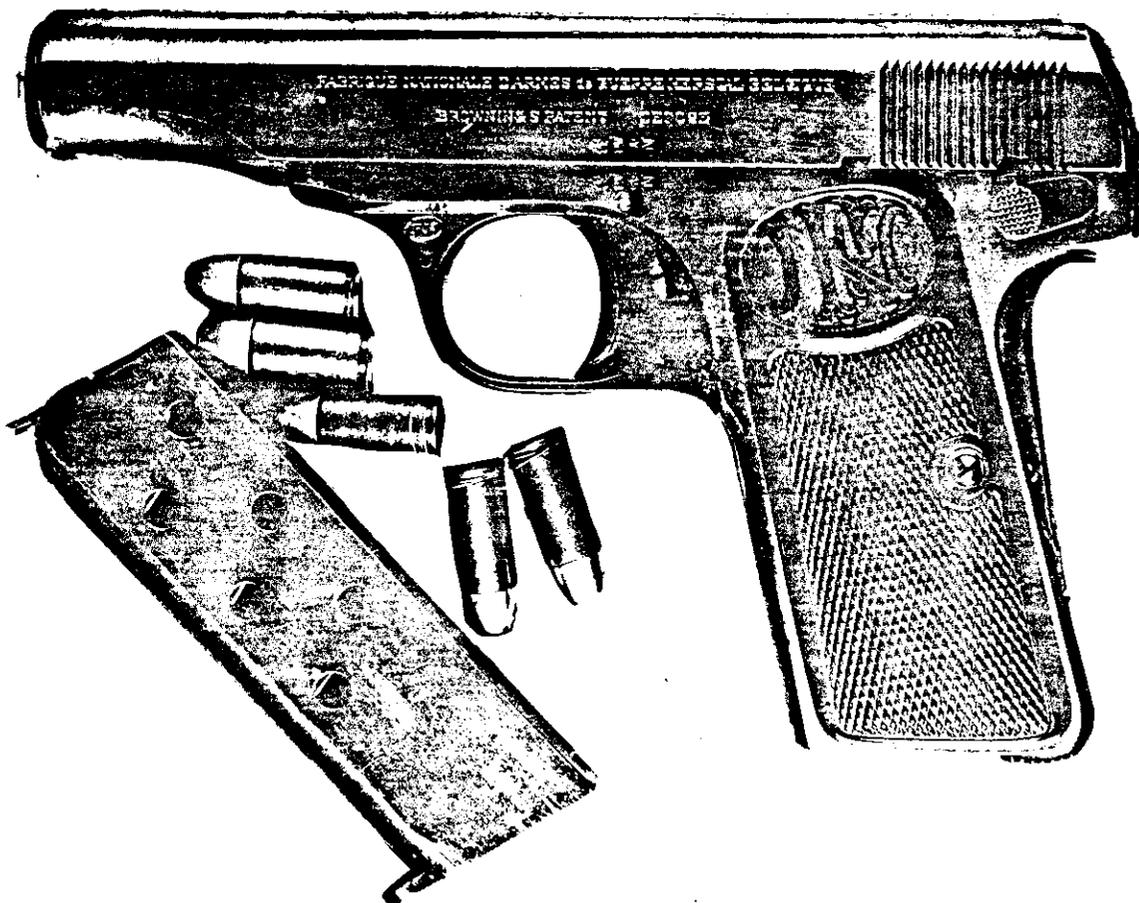
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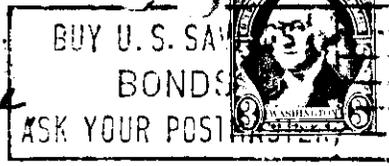
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Dear Sir,

According to reports from all sides the assassination of our dearly beloved humanitarian Hon. Olney Pierce Long was prophesied hundreds of years ago and in the book it said he would be killed but his spirit would live forever and go down through the ages as the Savior of the World. Are you going to go down through the ages as an instrument to further the work Senator Long started on this earth and still continuing through his book "I am President" where he prophesies Investigate the Assassination and get the men who are responsible whoever they may be, regardless of how high in power they

may be. He was ordaine^d to save
the world. Are you going up with
Huey Long or down with the assassins.
You finding the guilty ones may
precipitate the saving of the world.
Let us show an education is better
then 1935 years ago. The millennium
is here. The papers made him out a
fool but we who could see through
his acts think they were a revelation.
he was a genius and had only
such a short time to do his work
here. If you do not find the slayer
some one else will. Those idiotic
pictures were supposed to hide
his real personality, he was to be only
a symbol. The churches are full of
those people Christ chased out of the
temple, it was time a new man was
sent. Yours truly - J. Oliver.

Dept. of Justice



J. Edgar Hoover,

Washington,

D.C.

Personal.

Ack. receipt of Bu. instructions to avoid participation in inves. re death of late Sen. Long. Trans. newspaper articles re proposed alignment of Louisiana State Administration.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

326½ Post Office Building,
New Orleans, La.

September 21, 1935.

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of Bureau personal and confidential letter of September 17, 1935, confirming telephonic instructions to the writer, transmitted by Mr. E. A. Tamm, of the Bureau, relative participation in any investigations conducted by other agencies into the facts surrounding the death of the late United States Senator Huey P. Long, of Louisiana.

Kindly be informed that the instructions of the Bureau to avoid any participation in any manner, in any investigation relative this subject matter, will be strictly complied with and the Bureau will be informed immediately of any facts relative this situation or requests for investigation received at the New Orleans Bureau Office.

Special Agent L. I. Bowman has been informed of the contents of the Bureau communication, and the matter has been discussed informally with agents of this office, who might receive requests in the field for investigation, and they have been instructed to inform the writer of any requests they receive for investigation, while in the field, and to make no comment on the instant subject matter.

Kindly refer to letter of this office dated September 18, 1935, which informed the Bureau that this office has declined to be expressed in the newspapers, either affirmatively or negatively, relative investigative jurisdiction on any investigation relative the shooting of the late Senator Huey P. Long.

Requests for investigation may be expected by this office when the re-alignment of the Louisiana State Administration and opposing political factions has definitely been established. Caucuses are being held, at the present writing, by the Louisiana State Administration faction.

I am transmitting herewith newspaper articles appearing in the New Orleans Morning Tribune, Times-Picayune, and States newspapers for September 20, 1935, expressing the proposed alignment of the Louisiana State Administration.

Very truly yours,

D. W. Magee
D. W. Magee,
Special Agent in Charge.

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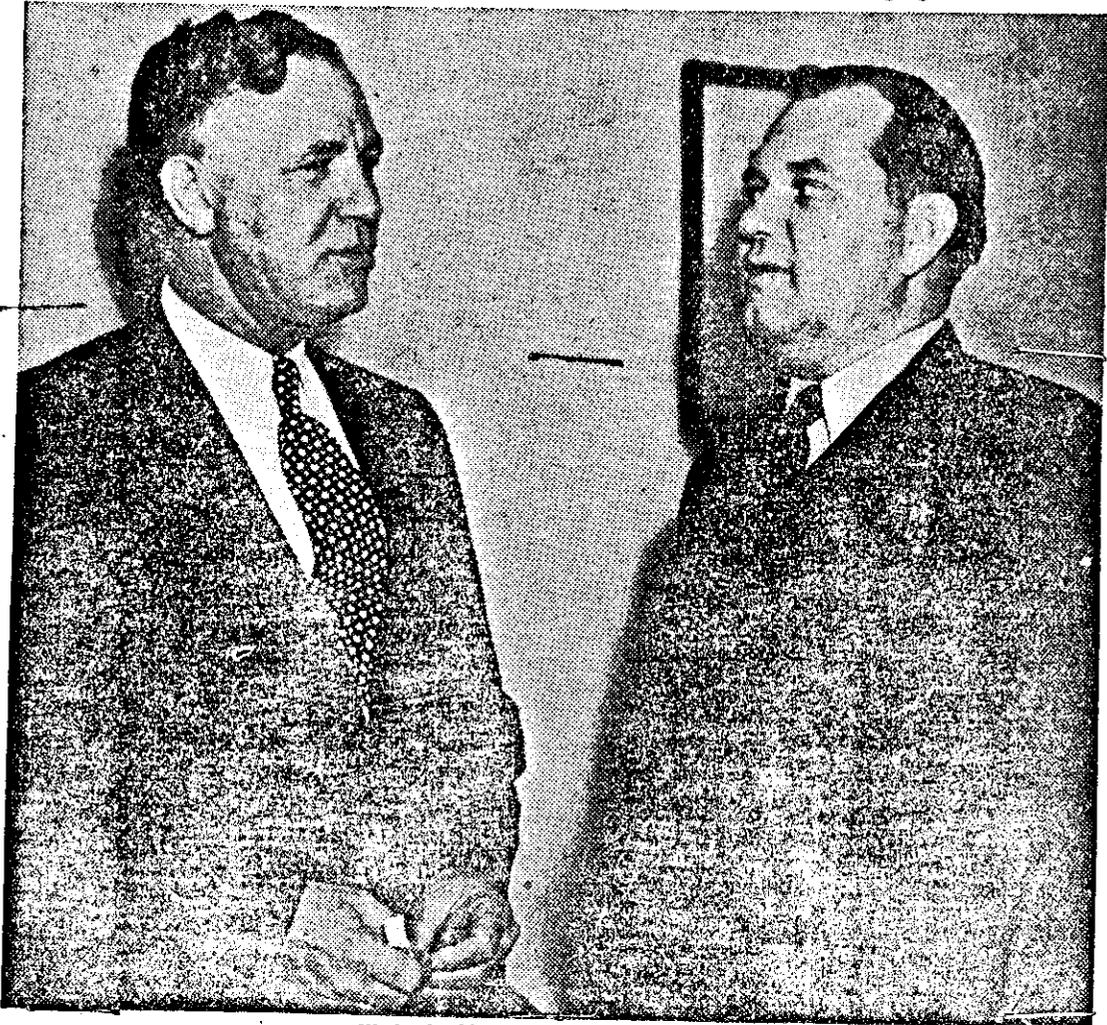
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Atten Slate Being Built Around— Noe, Martin Despite Some Opposition



Wade O. Martin and James A. Noe

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Weiss, Maestri Visit Allen, Look Unhappy

Observers Believe Noe, Martin Out-Played El- lender Forces

The Allen ticket in the forthcoming gubernatorial campaign seemed to be forming behind Lieutenant-Governor James A. Noe and Public Service Commissioner Wade O. Martin last night with objection coming only from leaders of the New Orleans and surrounding areas who favored Speaker Allen J. Ellender.

Two of the leaders of the New Orleans area, Seymour Weiss, president of the Dock board, and Robert S. Maestri, conservation commissioner, made an automobile trip to Baton Rouge yesterday afternoon to find out how Governor Allen stood on Noe's candidacy for the governorship and Martin's candidacy for the Senate and left after a conference with the Governor without making any announcement but with faces which seemed to express dissatisfaction.

Meanwhile in New Orleans lead-
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WEISS, MAESTRI VISIT ALLEN, LOOK UNHAPPY

Observers Believe Noe, Martin Outplayed El- lender Forces

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ers of the forces of Mr. Noe and Mr. Martin were telling reporters that Governor Allen, titular leader of the state administration forces, had already secretly approved both candidates and that when Mr. Noe and Mr. Martin visited the Governor early yesterday he had promised to stand back of that approval. Observers reported, additionally, that when Mr. Noe and Mr. Martin walked out of the Governor's office, he accompanied them yesterday, laughingly and with an arm on Noe's shoulder.

Four Lesser Candidates

Occupants of four minor state offices to be filled in the forthcoming election announced that they would be candidates to succeed themselves on the "administration" ticket, immediately after the unexpected announcement of Messrs. Noe and Martin in New Orleans this morning reached Baton Rouge.

These candidates were E. A. Conway, Secretary of State, who has been mentioned as a possible gubernatorial candidate; Mrs. Lucille May Grace Dent, registrar of state lands; L. B. Baynard, Jr., state auditor, and T. H. Harris, State Superintendent of Education. None said anything about Mr. Noe or Mr. Martin in their statements.

"You just put them all down on our ticket though," Mr. Noe and Mr. Martin said jointly, when asked about the matter last night in the Roosevelt hotel.

Neither the newly announced gubernatorial nor the senatorial candidate would discuss reports that they were holding open the post of Lieutenant-Governor for Speaker of the House Ellender with a promise of the governorship four years hence. Neither would Mr. Ellender discuss it in his home at Houma, sending word to inquirers that he was ill in bed with laryngitis and could not talk at all.

The belief spread last night in certain administration circles that Mr. Noe and Mr. Martin had a clever coup.

Both Lieutenant-Governor Noe, who comes from North Louisiana, and Speaker Ellender, who comes from South Louisiana, wanted the governorship. Secretary of State Conway and Supreme Court Justice Fournet were also reported eager for the post. Governor Allen was reported as wishing for the Senate seat of the late Senator Long.

Secret conferences were held in Baton Rouge and in New Orleans, during one of which the Rev. Smith announced that he would support only Mr. Noe and a "business men's ticket."

This was supposed at the time to have strengthened Speaker Ellender's chances for the post and to have lined up solidly behind Mr. Maestri, who had been named as the representative of the New Orleans area in the selection of a ticket. Mr. Weiss, former unofficial treasurer of the Long campaign funds; Leander H. Perez, district attorney of St. Bernard and Plaquemines parish; Sheriff Leon A. Meraux of St. Bernard parish; Sheriff Frank Clancy, Jefferson parish; Earl K. Long, brother of the late Senator, and representatives of several parishes in the South Louisiana area.

Growth of the Ellender boom is said to have led Mr. Noe and Mr. Martin to enter into a combine. Mr. Martin is from South Louisiana, which is said by their supporters to give the combination the greatest possible strength of any that could be put forth by the state forces.

The Noe-Martin followers were present en masse at the Roosevelt hotel during the afternoon. Rodney P. Woods, Lutchter; I. W. Gajan, New Iberia, and E. B. Watson, Fluker, members of the Insurance Commission of Louisiana, appointees of the governor, announced their "unqualified" support of Mr. Noe and Mr. Martin after visiting the two in the hotel.

Some Support in City

Several New Orleans leaders of the Louisiana Democratic association and a host of country leaders also visited the hotel during the afternoon but for the most part would not comment. Superintendent of Police Reyer was also noticed walking through the hotel during the afternoon.

Clem Sehart, leader of the Fourth ward Louisiana Democratic association, came out for the two last night, declaring that he was "happy to announce the fact that Governor Allen approved" the announcements of Mr. Noe and Mr. Martin.

The activity in the state administration camp drew from Congressman Cleveland Dear, considered the anti-administration candidate for governor, this comment:

"Such a split was a natural thing to expect. I'm not a bit surprised."

The announcement of the state officials of their candidacies was as follows:

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Mrs. Lucille May Grace Dent,
Register of State Lands:

"I wish to announce my candidacy to succeed myself as Register of the State Land Office. When I ran four years ago, I made one pledge to the voters of this state, that I would run the office fairly and efficiently. I have kept my promise. I think my record of four years' service will speak for itself—and I ask the continued support

of my friends on the same pledge."

Fred Dent, husband of Mrs. Dent, along with Associate Justice Fournet, Rev. Smith and John Land, Jr., clerk of the Supreme court, were present in the conferences at which the announcement of the Noe-Martin candidacies was made. "Put me down as a candidate to succeed myself," was about the substance of the announcements of Mr. Baynard and of Mr. Harris.

NOE ANNOUNCES FOR GOVERNOR; MARTIN SEEKS SENATE POST

Candidacies of Lieutenant-Governor, Commissioner Occasion Surprise in Administration Ranks

MAESTRI AND WEISS CONFER WITH ALLEN

Plea for 'Switch' to Ellender Reported; Four State Officials Declare Stand for Re-election in January

Ignoring the New Orleans and South Louisiana elements of the state machine, Lieutenant-Governor James A. Noe and Public Service Commissioner Wade O. Martin Thursday announced their candidacies for governor and United States senator, respectively.

The formal announcements are said to have been written at a conference in a room at The Roosevelt attended by Associate Justice John B. Fournet, Lieutenant-Governor Noe, Commissioner Martin and the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith.

Surprise was expressed by Speaker Allen J. Ellender of the House of Representatives when informed of the action of Messrs. Noe and Martin. Speaker Ellender, who was at his home in Houma suffering from laryngitis, doubted the authenticity of the announcements when informed of them. He made no further comment.

Reported Move for 'Switch'

Although Mr. Noe, in his announcement, asserts that Governor O. K. Allen endorsed his candidacy, it was reported that Seymour Weiss, president of the New Orleans dock board, and Conservation Commissioner Robert S. Maestri motored from New Orleans to Baton Rouge Thursday afternoon to see Governor Allen and attempt to have him "switch" his support to Speaker Ellender.

Within a few hours after Mr. Noe and Commissioner Martin made public their candidacies, four state officials announced in Baton Rouge that they will be candidates for re-election. They are E. A. Conway, secretary of state; L. B. Baynard, state auditor; T. H. Harris, state superintendent of education, and Lucille May Grace, register of the state land office. Announcements by other state officers are expected shortly.

Governor Allen in Baton Rouge Thursday morning voiced surprise when told of the formal announcements of Mr. Noe and Commissioner Martin, both of whom visited him later in the day. Governor Allen made no statement after receiving Lieutenant-Governor Noe and the public service commissioner.

When a report was published in New Orleans Tuesday that a caucus of administration leaders had been held to discuss candidates, Governor Allen denied that any caucus had been held. The governor added that, "When a caucus is called, I will call it."

While Mr. Weiss and Conservation Commissioner Maestri are said to have led the opposition to Mr. Noe's gubernatorial aspirations, they are reported to have been joined by Sheriff L. A. Meraux of St. Bernard parish, Leander Perez of Plaquemines parish, Sheriff Frank Clancy of Jefferson parish, State Senator Jules Fisher of Jefferson parish, Earl Long, brother of the late Senator Long, and a number of administration leaders from parishes in South Louisiana, including members of the Legislature.

Noe's Announcement

Lieutenant-Governor Noe's announcement of his gubernatorial candidacy follows:

"To the Citizens of Louisiana—
"For many months my friends throughout the state have urged me to become a candidate for the office of governor of the state of Louisiana on the Huey P. Long ticket, and for the past few months, and more espe-

State Officials Announce for Governor and Senator



JAMES A. NOE



Photo by The Times-Picayune. WADE O. MARTIN

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NOE, WADE MARTIN SEEK GOVERNOR'S, SENATOR'S POSTS

Announcement of Candidacies Surprises Administration Circles

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cially for the last few weeks, the number urging my candidacy has rapidly increased.

"Since the death of our beloved leader I have contacted every state and city leader I have been able to reach. During this time I have also been in communication with the governor and his advisors and they, too, have urged my candidacy.

"Wednesday afternoon I talked with Governor Allen over long-distance telephone in the presence of a group of my friends and he again endorsed my candidacy and said he would rather surrender the office of governor into my hands for the next four years than any man he knew.

"For this reason and because of the insistence of my many friends, I hereby announce that I will be a candidate for the governorship of Louisiana at the January primary and pledge myself to the following principles:

"(a) The plan of progress of Huey P. Long.

"(b) The share-the-wealth platform.

"(c) An honest business administration of the affairs of the state.

(Signed) "JAMES A. NOE,
"Lieutenant-Governor."

Announcement of Martin

Commissioner Martin's announcement of his candidacy for the United States Senate follows:

"To the Citizens of Louisiana—

"The passing of a political and intellectual genius of the quality of Huey P. Long creates a problem in the affairs of the state and nation which I find impossible to describe in words:

"Louisiana is in mourning. A nation is baffled and a world is confused. One seat in the United States Senate is made vacant but his passing has created numerous vacancies beyond this. No living man could hope to fill this gap in the affairs of our nation. However, the time is here when someone must take up where he left off and carry out the ideals which he held so high.

"For some time my name has been used—freely by thousands of people in connection with every high office in the gift of the state. Following the death of Senator Long, leaders and men of influence began to urge me to offer myself as a candidate to fill the seat in the Senate he left vacant. The very thought humbled me but recalled upon numerous occasions he had called me to Washington to advise with him, to meet his friends and discuss affairs pertinent to Louisiana, such as flood control, transportation, public utilities and national issues affecting the state.

"During these conferences we discussed often and in detail the share-the-wealth movement which was the burden of his heart and the ambition of his life. Recalling these things, I was convinced that my friends were sincere in offering their support and I found that every Long leader and share-the-wealth campaigner within my acquaintance with whom I talked enthusiastically encouraged my candidacy.

"It is not necessary for me to state my platform because when I say I am announcing my candidacy for the United States Senate on the Huey Long share-the-wealth ticket, that constitutes a platform complete in itself.

"However, I shall make no compromises for the circumstances which require this candidacy prescribe my course.

(Signed) "WADE O. MARTIN,
"Public Service Commissioner."

Fournet Statement

Associate Justice J. B. Fournet issued the following statement:

"It meets with my hearty approval. I have advocated Lieutenant-Governor Noe as the successor to Governor Allen ever since my own election to the supreme court and it gratifies me very much that my many friends have assured me of their approval of this course.

"My acquaintance with Wade Martin's work in behalf of the share-the-wealth program and his unstinted efforts on behalf of flood control and other public betterments convince me that he is the logical man to succeed my late personal friend, Senator Huey P. Long, for the term in the United States Senate beginning in January, 1937.

"I have no hesitancy in soliciting my many friends in behalf of their candidacies."

Miss Grace's announcement asserted that she will seek re-election on her record. "I wish to announce my candidacy to succeed myself as register of the state land office," her statement asserted. "When I ran four years ago, I made one pledge to the voters of this state, that I would run the office fairly and efficiently. I have kept my promise. I think my record of four years' service will speak for itself—and I ask the continued support of my friends on the same pledge."

Cites Backing

Announcing his candidacy for re-election to the office of secretary of state, Mr. Conway asserted that "I have the assurance of Governor Allen and, I believe, of every leader of the Long-Allen administration that I will have their unqualified support."

"I had intended to make my announcement at a later date," Mr. Conway added, "but I am besieged with inquiries from my friends as to what my political attitude will be and I therefore think it best to make this statement at this time.

"I am grieved beyond expression at the loss of Senator Long, whom I loved very much, and who had been my close friend and associate since he moved to Shreveport as a member of the Louisiana Railroad Commission in 1918. I have constantly associated with him since 1928, when I was appointed supervisor of public accounts by Senator Long, who was then the governor, and I have taken an active part in all of his political activities and achievements since that time, and I therefore feel very reluctant to make a political announcement so soon after his burial.

"I realize, however, that since he is gone and no human power can restore him to us, that the only proper part his friends and associates can play is to carry on and

carry out his wishes and programs to the best of their ability. It is therefore with a heart full of sincere grief and sadness that I have brought myself to make this public announcement now."

The Democratic state central committee Thursday was called to meet in Baton Rouge at 1 p. m. October 1. The call was issued by Jeff B. Snyder of Tallulah, vice-chairman of the committee.

The committee, when it meets, will fix January 21 as the date of the Democratic primary to nominate state officials, member of the United States Senate, members of Congress and members of Louisiana's Legislature.

GOVERNOR HAS ALL OF LONG POWER, FAILS TO USE IT

Silent While Ambitious Aids Make Deals, Grab for Jobs

BY RALPH WHEATLEY
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

Governor O. K. Allen, upon whose shoulders fell the mantle dropped by Huey P. Long, stood silent today before the uprising within his political ranks over selection of candidates for the January election.

He shut himself off from callers and refused to say a word about the insurrection created by Lieutenant-Governor James A. Noe and Public Service Commissioner Wade O. Martin, who defied his authority by announcing their candidacy for governor and United States senator without waiting for a caucus of the Long faction.

He spent the day in conference with first one and then another but had nothing to say to the public. He was taken completely by surprise by the announcements and rebuked Noe and Martin like bad boys when they entered his office.

"Jimmy, I thought you and Wade Martin had agreed to do as I said," exclaimed the governor in agitation as they came in to the governor's office in the state house after they had made their announcements in New Orleans.

But Martin and Noe emerged smiling and apparently satisfied and the governor went out of the state house through a rear exit and resumed his conferences at the mansion. There he met Seymour Weiss, one of Long's closest friends, who was reported as looking unfavorably on the Noe candidacy. They engaged in a long conference.

Down in Houma Speaker of the House Allen Ellender roused himself from a sick bed to express disbelief that Noe had made his announcement. Ellender also is a candidate for governor and believed that Gov-

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ALLEN STUNNED BY NOE-MARTIN COUP

Silent While Ambitious Aids Make Deals, Grab for Jobs

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ernor Allen had favored his candidacy and he was shocked when Noe issued a statement saying Allen had endorsed him.

But Allen, who holds the whip hand by authority of Huey Long's dictatorial laws, has refused to comment. With his power he is in a position to make or break any candidate that raises his head but so far he has chosen to remain mute. Some of his advisers have urged him to keep quiet until the spell of announcements for office is over and then make a decision.

The Noe-Martin announcement opened the way and E. A. Conway, secretary of state; L. B. Baynard, state auditor; Lucille May Grace, register of the state land office, and T. H. Harris, superintendent of education, all announced their candidacies for re-election. Other candidates were expected to announce without delay.

While the relic of the Long machine was being blasted asunder by the Noe-Martin coup, the opposition forces looked on with interest. Congressman Cleveland Dear, who apparently will lead the opposition as candidate for governor, said their slate was not yet ready but that the confusion in the Allen organization is "what the people must expect."

Committee to Meet October 1

The Democratic state central committee of Louisiana may choose a new chairman and national committeeman to succeed the late Huey P. Long at a special meeting at Baton Rouge on October 1.

The committee will also set Jan-

uary 21, 1936, as the date for the state election.

Long completely dominated the committee after his election as governor in 1928 and changed the old system of naming national convention delegates by state convention, substituting a plan under which they were named by the committee.

His delegations were challenged at both the 1928 and 1932 national conventions, but were seated after battles with rival delegations.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

326 1/2 Post Office Building,

New Orleans, La.

September 21, 1935.

DWM:icw.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Assistant United States Attorney Warren O. Coleman, New Orleans, Louisiana, referred to this office an anonymous communication written in indelible pencil and enclosed in an envelope postmarked New Orleans, Louisiana, September 16, 1935, addressed to Mrs. Weiss, Sr., Baton Rouge, La. (Personal).

This letter had been referred to United States Attorney Rene Viosca, New Orleans, Louisiana, by letter of J. C. Ward, Post Office Inspector, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, dated September 18, 1935.

I am transmitting herewith copies of the anonymous letter and envelope, all written in indelible pencil, and also copies of transmittal letter of Post Office Inspector Ward.

While the import of the anonymous communication might be construed as a threat to kidnap, there appears to be no facts which would warrant investigative jurisdiction by this office, and I so informed Assistant United States Attorney Warren O. Coleman. He stated that he will retain the anonymous communication in the files of the United States Attorney for any purpose it may serve in the event that the son of Carl Weiss or any of the immediate Weiss family were subsequently kidnapped.

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Very truly yours,

D. W. Magee,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mrs. Weiss -

You had the nerve to say you did not think your son should be shot as he was. It is too bad he was not torched to death for the suffering he caused our Senator & the state - you and your family & the Pavy family should all be (killed) for none of you are any good. You had better keep close watch on that murders boy for he may come up a missing wich would service all of you just what you would derserve from some folks who will always do all they can to make you feel what you have done (You bunch of rats) (Watch your step Weiss & Pavy family) there is more comeing to all of you from those who hate all of you

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
Office of Inspector
Baton Rouge, Louisiana,
September 18, 1935.

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Subject: NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA: Alleged mailing of a threatening letter by an unknown person.

Mr. Rene Viosca,
United States Attorney,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

On this date Mr. T. E. Weiss, 535 Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, handed me the attached letter which was delivered to his mother, Mrs. Viola M. Weiss, of the same address. You will note that the letter is postmarked New Orleans, La., September 16, 1935, 7:00 P.M. and is addressed to Mrs. Weiss, Sr., Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Mrs. Weiss is the mother of Dr. Carl A. Weiss who was recently shot to death by bodyguards of former Senator Huey P. Long, just after he is alleged to have assassinated the latter.

The letter is quoted:

"Mrs. Weiss - You had the nerve to say you did not think your son should be shot as he was. It is to bad he was not torched to death for the suffering he caused our Senator & the state. You & your family & the Pavy family should all be (killed) for none of you are any good. You had better keep close watch on that murders boy for he may come up a missing wich would service all of you just what you would deserve. from some folks who will always do all they can to make you feel what you have done (you bunch of rats) (Watch your step Weiss & Pavy family) there is more coming to all of you from those who hate all of you"

It will be noted that the Weiss and Pavy families are threatened and threat is also made that Dr. Weiss' three months old son may be kidnapped.

I suggested to Mr. Weiss the possibility of handling the matter in State court, but he stated that his mother expressed the opinion that the guilty person or persons would not be punished even if they should be convicted in State court and there is doubtless some logic to her opinion. Mr. Weiss stated that his mother would like to see the matter handled in Federal court if the guilty person could be identified.

In view of the fact that no attempt is made to extort a confession I will thank you to advise whether, in your opinion, any violation of Federal Laws is involved in connection with the mailing of the letter.

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Respectfully yours,

J. C. Ward (Signed)
Post Office Inspector,
Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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Special Agent in Charge,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of September 18, 1935, in which you advise of receiving information from Mr. Clark Salmon, Managing Editor of the Morning Tribune, New Orleans, Louisiana, to the effect that a plot is being formed at Bogalusa, Louisiana, to assassinate the Honorable Joe Robinson, United States Senator from Arkansas, and the President of the United States.

This is to advise that your office should transmit this information immediately to the office of the United States Secret Service Division in your district.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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326½ Post Office Building,
New Orleans, Louisiana.
September 18, 1935.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Clark Salmon, Managing Editor of the Morning Tribune newspaper at New Orleans, Louisiana, on September 17, 1935, telephonically informed the writer that his newspaper had received an anonymous typewritten letter in an Emergency Relief Administration envelope informing of a plot formed at Bogalusa, Louisiana, to assassinate the Honorable Joe Robinson, United States Senator from Arkansas and the President of the United States.

It was apparent from the conversation with Mr. Salmon that he was endeavoring to ascertain whether this Bureau was taking investigative jurisdiction of the shooting at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on September 8, 1935, which resulted in the deaths of the then United States Senator Huey P. Long and of Dr. Carl Weiss.

The writer has been approached on numerous occasions by Mr. Richard Harris and Mr. Gus Martin, newspaper reporters on the Federal detail of the Tribune, the New Orleans Item, and the New Orleans States, Times Picayune, respectively. The writer has informed the newspaper representatives that this Bureau has no investigative jurisdiction relative the aforementioned shooting.

The New Orleans Bureau Office has not been quoted affirmatively or negatively in the newspapers here on this subject matter.

There have been no requests from outside sources addressed to this Bureau Office on this subject matter, and no action is contemplated in the absence of specific request from the Bureau.

I informed Mr. Clark Salmon, of The Morning Tribune newspaper, that this office had no jurisdiction for investigation on the anonymous complaint, and I made no effort to secure a copy of the anonymous letter as he may have desired to use the fact of the reference of the letter to this office for publicity purposes.

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Very truly yours,

D. W. Magee,
Special Agent in Charge.

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September 18, 1935.

Time-11:01 AM.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

RE: Senator Long.

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Colonel Gates telephoned and stated that he noticed in the paper that the President had referred the Long matter to me for investigation. I advised Colonel Gates that the President merely stated that he was referring the correspondence to the Department of Justice.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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

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September 17, 1935

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Mr. D. W. Magee,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
326 1/2 Post Office Building,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

Confirming the telephonic instructions transmitted to you by Mr. Tamm of the Bureau, it is desired that you avoid participating in any manner in any investigation conducted by other Agencies into the facts surrounding the death of Senator Huey P. Long. In the event requests are received from any persons for investigation on the part of the Bureau, it should be pointed out that the facts in this situation do not appear to constitute a violation of any Federal Statute within the Bureau's jurisdiction, and that consequently the Bureau is unable to take any action.

You should, of course, inform the Bureau immediately of any facts in this situation which come to your attention and which may be of interest to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Federal Agents Asked in Probe Of Long Death

**Young Democrats Group,
Newly Formed, Wires
Roosevelt for Aid.**

By the United Press.

Baton Rouge, La., Sept. 12.—Wingate White, president of the Young Democrats of Louisiana, sent a telegram tonight to President Roosevelt, asking the aid of Department of Justice agents in "apprehending those responsible for the death" of Senator Huey P. Long.

There are three organizations of Young Democrats in Louisiana. Two of them, directed from New Orleans, always professed to be neutral though they occasionally aligned themselves with Long's foes. White's group first appeared about a week ago in Baton Rouge, when it wired a protest to Washington against a reported movement to have a congressional committee investigate Louisiana politics. Their first statement was definitely favorable to Long.

The telegram pointed out that Speaker Joseph W. Byrns of the Federal House of Representatives, was unable to name a congressional committee to investigate charges that Long was killed as the result of a plot.

The telegram added: "All the resources of the Government, including the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, which has apprehended so many murderers and criminals, are needed to apprehend those responsible for this crime."

Tenseness was added to the situation tonight by reports that Long leaders, including the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, who preached Long's funeral oration today, had received death threats. Smith seemed unworried as he laughed and joked in a Baton Rouge restaurant tonight while eating dinner.

The New Orleans Tribune said

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today that leaders of Senator Huey P. Long's political machine have decided in conference to make a peace offering to President Roosevelt.

They will ask Mr. Roosevelt to stop "any further Federal investigations concerning political leaders, which are now under way in this State," and also for control of Federal patronage in Louisiana, the Tribune says.

In return, they will promise to repeal many of Senator Long's dictatorial laws and support Mr. Roosevelt for re-election.

The Tribune says Representative Paul Maloney was designated to go to Washington and confer with Administration leaders.

- Mr. ...
- Miss Gandy

*Be careful & caution
our New Orleans office
to avoid any contact
with this situation.*

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J. E. H.

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Mr. W. M. Knox,
Grangeville, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of September 12, 1935 which transmitted a newspaper article entitled "An Unusual Crime", which is in respect to the assassination of the late Senator Huey P. Long.

I desire to advise you that this Bureau has no jurisdiction over the subject matter of your letter, but I wish to thank you for bringing this to my attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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John Edgar Hoover

Grangeville, Idaho,
September 12, 1935.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director Division of
Investigation, -
Department of Justice;
Washington, D. C.;

My dear Sir:

I am inclosing an editorial that appeared in The Daily
Tribune, Lewiston, Idaho, on the ninth instant, anent the
killing of Senator Huey Long.

The words contained in that editorial which appear under
the caption: "AN UNUSUAL CRIME", and which have prompted
the writing of this letter, are these:

"Last spring a prominent citizen of Louisiana visited
in this city and calmly told a group of Lewiston friends
that 'the only way Louisiana will get rid of Huey is
to shoot him'. The tone of inevitability in that
statement impressed all the listeners."

Those of the older generation, who, like myself, have passed
the three score and ten mark, are by such remarks as these,
led to wonder if the MAFPIA society of half a century ago
is still active "within our gates"?

This editorial is inclosed for such use as you may deem
necessary.

Respectfully,

W. N. Knox

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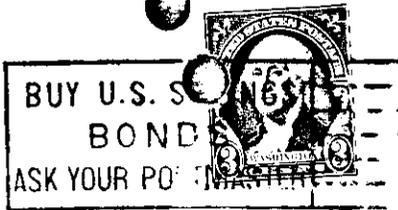
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NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA



*W. S. ...
Washington
L.C.*

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 13, 1935.

Time - 12:20 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Death of Senator Huey Long.

I telephoned Special Agent in Charge D. W. Magee at the New Orleans Office with reference to newspaper articles emanating principally from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to the effect that numerous telegrams are being sent to the President of the United States demanding that the Department of Justice institute an immediate investigation relative to the assassination of Senator Huey Long.

I told Mr. Magee that we do not by all means want to get into this matter, especially in view of the fact that there is absolutely no indication of a Federal violation of any kind. In view of this, I told Mr. Magee that in the event anyone or any group comes into the office to make a complaint about this matter and to request an investigation, he should point out the fact that there being no Federal violation, this Bureau would exercise absolutely no jurisdiction.

Mr. Magee said that ^{the} only inquiries which he has received thus far have come from the newspapers, to which inquiries he has replied that he will not be quoted either negatively or affirmatively on the subject. Mr. Magee said that he would be guided by the Bureau's instructions in this matter, and assured me that in the event anything of importance develops, he will immediately notify the Bureau either by telephone or otherwise.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM.

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September 13, 1935.

Time - 12:17 P. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WACHAM

Re: Killing of Senator Huey Long.

Colonel Gates telephoned and inquired if any action is being taken in the above matter. I stated nothing is being done as the Department has no authority under the law to investigate matters of this type.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Boardman
- Chief Clerk
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Edwards
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

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Cleveland, Heights, Ohio
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Dept of Justice, Wash. D.C.

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Your department has been quite successful in bounding and exposing small evil-doers. Now is your chance to tackle something really big! Go after the ring of plotters that killed Huey Long! His death calls for vengeance, and his millions of followers demand that his murderers be brought to justice. It was the most dastardly, cold-blooded crime in American history, and O, God, we needed him, so!

Please do something, anything, no matter where the trail may lead or the chips may fall.

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C.S.Y.

Respectfully,
My Hood-

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September 17, 1935.

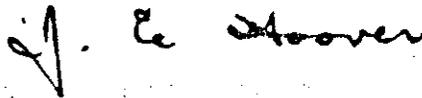
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**Mr. M. Hood,
Cleveland Heights, Ohio.**

Dear

Sir: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated September 13, 1935. The contents of your communication have been carefully reviewed to inform you that this Bureau is authorized to conduct investigations only in those cases where there is some indication of a violation of specified Federal Laws. The facts outlined in your communication do not indicate a violation of any Federal Law within this Bureau's investigative jurisdiction, and therefore no action can be taken upon the subject matter of your letter.

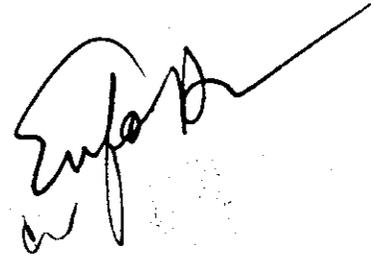
Very truly yours,



John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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