

Embassador Hotel
Los Angeles, Calif.
June 30, 1964

Senator Karl E. Mundt
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Senators:

Many thanks for your letter and for your comments on my rebuttal to Life's article. Your words made me feel so very good.

I was told that you mentioned me when you appeared on the Army-McCarthy Hearings show on television recently. Thank you.

I hope to use your views on the McCarthy Hearings as they are certainly pertinent.

Please send me your newsletter. I want to see if you are a threat to my syndication.

Best,

Walter Winchell

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

July 6, 1964

The attached letters were forwarded
to the Director from Walter Winchell,
The Ambassador, 3400 Wilshire
Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

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June 18, 1964

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Mr. Walter Winchel
c/o Times Union
Albany NY

Dear Mr. Winchell

I read your column a few days ago in reference to the item or rather story in the Life magazine regarding Edgar Hoover and have just written the Life as you suggested.

I always read your column and admired you for the stand you take for what is right and American

There are all too few of your kind in our country.

God bless & keep you in his care

Sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

July 2, 1964

The attached letters were sent to the
Director by Walter Winchell.

- MR. TOLSON ✓
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- MR. MOHR ✓
- MR. CASPER
- MR. CALLAHAN
- MR. CONRAD ✓
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Dear Mr. Wuchell:

My husband & I most heartily agree with your article condemning Life magazines article on J. E. Hoover & have sent your article, in demanding an explanation. More lately than ever before I disagree with with Life Magazine articles & the one a week or so after Mr. Hoovers blast on our Congress was most blasphemous. I've almost had it with "Life". Hope you rec. this as I have no address of yours other than N. 29. I have also called six friends to send your article into "Life" objecting to this article.

Sincerely

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6/23/64

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EDITORIAL OFFICES
JUDSON 5-1212

To Rose - then
To J.E. Hoover

LIFE

TIME & LIFE BUILDING
ROCKEFELLER CENT
NEW YORK 10020

June 29, 1964

Dear [REDACTED]

LIFE editors have your query about Loudon Wainwright's column, "The View from Here," published in LIFE May 22, based on your reading of Walter Winchell's column.

As you may know, Mr. Wainwright's column is a recent addition to LIFE. In introducing it, LIFE's Managing Editor George Hunt said in his Editors' Note, published March 27:

A second new department in LIFE ^{MAGAZINE} is The View from Here, a column by Loudon Wainwright. Wainwright has worked for LIFE for 15 years ^{N.Y.} as a reporter, staff writer and editor. His stories on the Astronauts, particularly the moving account of Annie Glenn during her husband's historic flight, are among his most memorable articles.

The new column will be one of personal comment, and its intent is to say how things feel, not to all of us but to one of us. Wainwright's feelings about the film Dr. Strangelove (not entirely shared by his editors) were the subject of his first column two weeks ago. Last week's column was called "A Dignified Loser Drops One More," the loser being Harold Stassen. The View from Here will usually appear every other week, alternating with the Special Report.

Just as this column is one of personal comment, intended to let our readers know how things feel to one of our staff members, so we're glad to have our readers' views in exchange. In this case, we've been happy to give prominent space in our June 12 Letters Column to letters from Emmett C. McGaughey, President of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, Inc., Henry L. Sloan of the FBI Academy, Quantico and Joseph Cottstein a director of the Thoroughbred Racing Associations.

62 31615 - 1211X1 Sincerely yours,

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Mabel H. Schubert
for the Editors

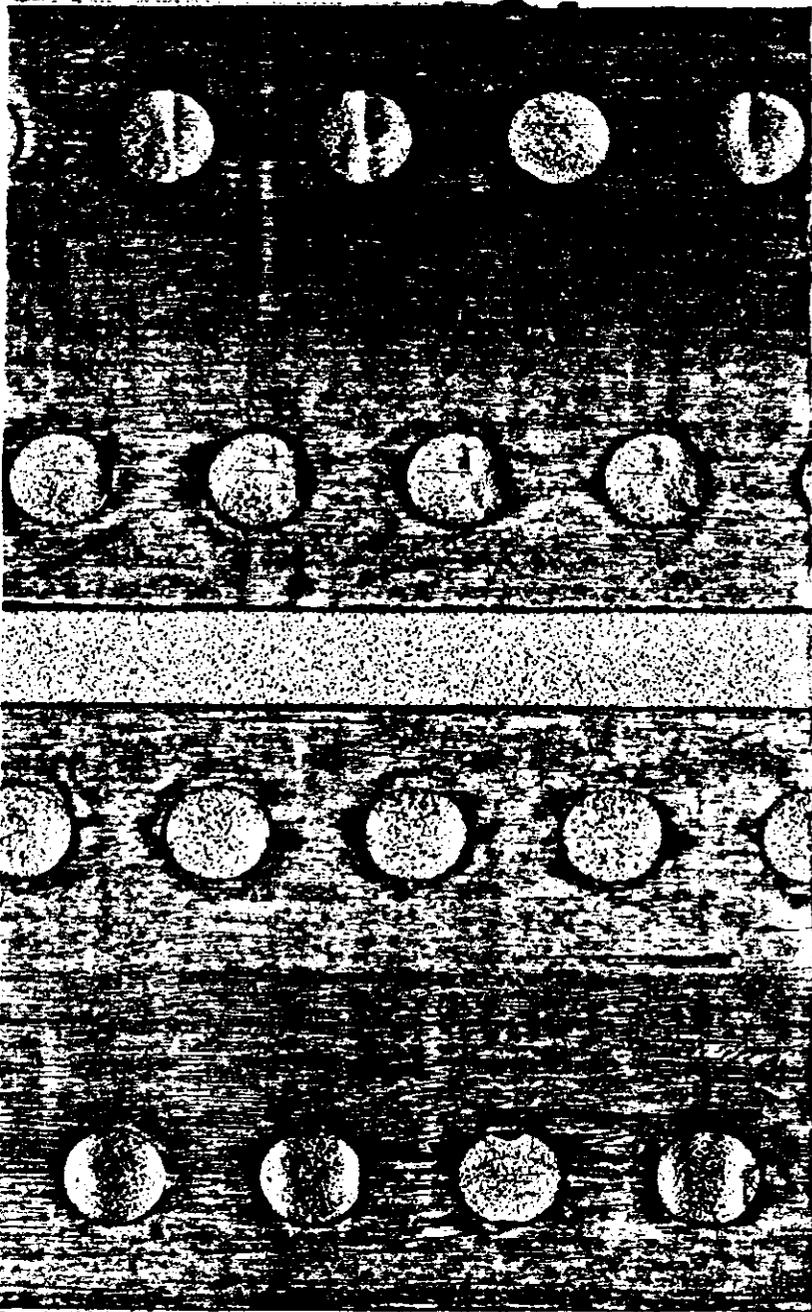
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Mr. Walter Winchell
I put as you instructed me - this is
the answer - keep well - [REDACTED]

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The Ambassador

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MR. JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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June 18 - 1964

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of Times Union
Albany NY

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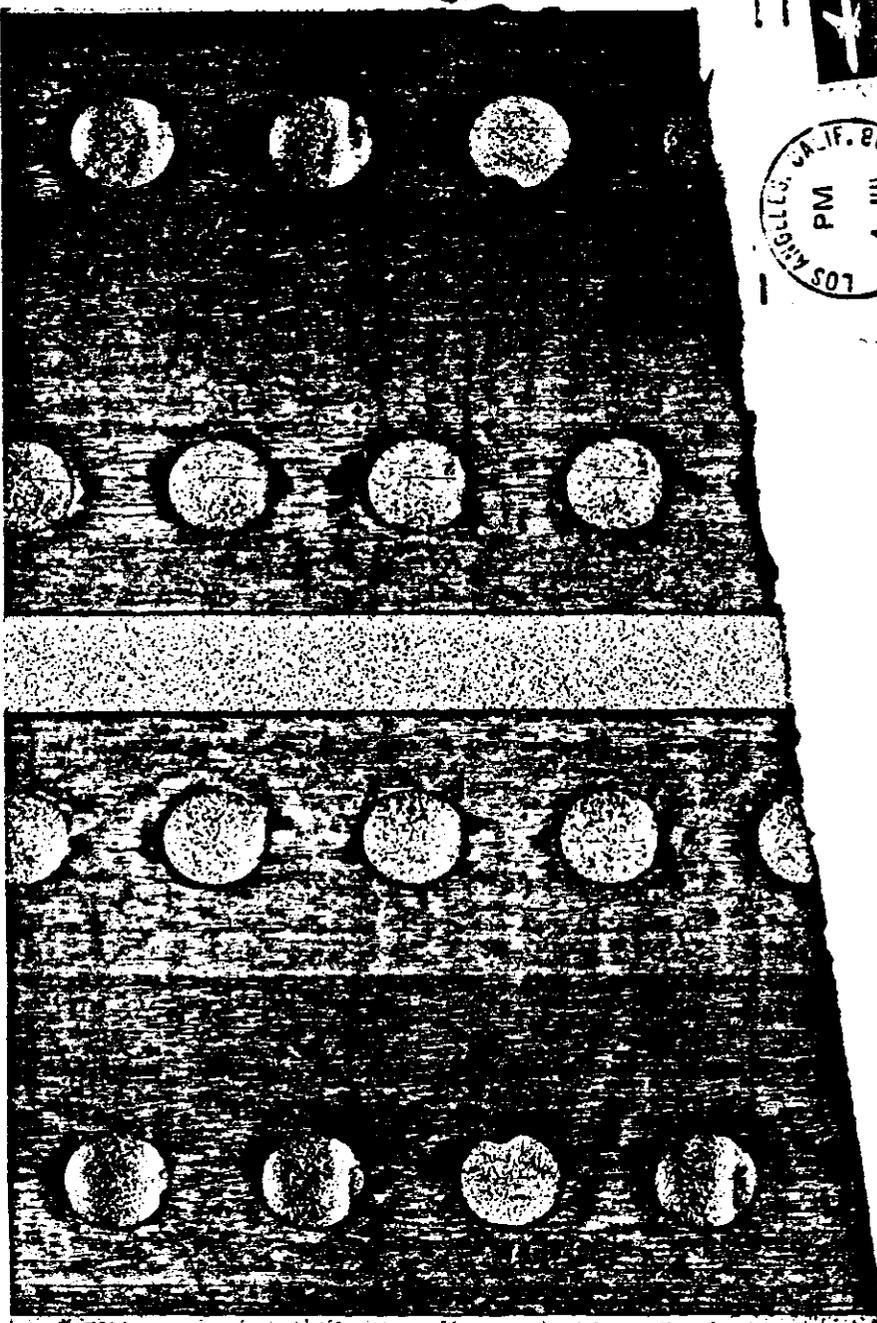
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Sincerely

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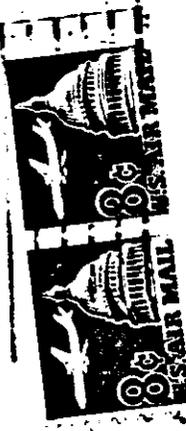
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MR. JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR
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Winchell

Executive Office

The Ambassador

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NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

MONTPELIER, VERMONT

THE DILLON-GRIFFIN AGENCY, INC.
200-212 HAAS-HOWELL BUILDING
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA -
TELEPHONE JA. 1-1212



June 19, 1964

Mr. Walter Winchell
c/o King Features Syndicate
235 E. 45th Street
New York 17, New York

TJ [Signature]

Dear Sir:

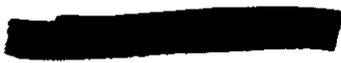
I want to express my appreciation of your recent column concerning Life Magazine's article on J. Edgar Hoover.

I enclose a copy of my own personal letter of protest to the editor, written as suggested in your column.

My best regards



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June 19, 1964

Editor, Life Magazine
Time and Life Building
50th St. and Sixth Avenue
New York, New York

Re: Editorial - J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir:

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The strained, tortured logic shaping your recent editorial on Mr. J. Edgar Hoover achieved - to my mind - an apex in editorial irresponsibility. The content of the editorial - as such is, of course, blatant nonsense and deserving of no more note than was required to read through it. Certainly the accomplishments of Mr. Hoover need no defending - least of all by me. Nevertheless, the mere fact that one of your staff would compose such tripe - and you would permit its appearance distresses me considerably since I have long been a reader of your magazine, and have admired the coverage of world events.

I was, at first, prompted to exercise the only sanction available to me - cancellation of my subscription. However, Walter Winchell's request - per attached copy of his column - suggested an explanation might be forthcoming, other than that which originally occurred to me, which was an hiatus in the mental processes of the chief editor, or the most colossal error in recent years. If such an explanation exists, I should appreciate, along with the thousands of other readers, being apprised of it.

Thank you very much.

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Via AIR MAIL

June 25, 1964

Mr. Walter Winchell
New York, N. Y.
U. S. A.

To Hoover

Dear Mr. Winchell:

Hurray for you for the stand you took on Life's derogative article directed at John Edgar Hoover.

As suggested, I have clipped and mailed to "Life", your article together with a covering letter, copy of which is enclosed here-with.

Yours very truly

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Via AIR MAIL

June 25, 1964

Life
Time & Life Bldg.,
50th St. and Sixth Ave.
New York, N. Y.
U. S. A.

Gentlemen:

This letter and the attachments do not mean that you lost a subscriber because actually I cancelled my subscription to both of your magazines more than ten years ago due to the distorted, twisted and misleading articles published in your magazines on subjects, particularly concerning Latin America, about which I was familiar enough to at least recognize the work of something more than just a misinformed reporter or editor.

As an American, it is absolutely frightening to me to see that you now consider your position secure enough to attack a man like John Edgar Hoover using the same twisted, distorted tactics. I am reminded of the closing sentence of an article written by Henry J. Taylor and published on January 27, 1964 which states: "This nation (USA) is in absolute peril ". For your information and convenience a photostatic copy of this article is enclosed.

In all probability this letter and enclosure will be thrown in the waste basket without being read. However, I have given my time, effort and the money it will cost to mail this letter, with the hope that it may reach the hands of someone in that office who is interested in the welfare of the United States and who will take the trouble to look around in that publishing house and see what is happening before it is too late.

Yours very truly,

c.c. Mr. W. Winchell

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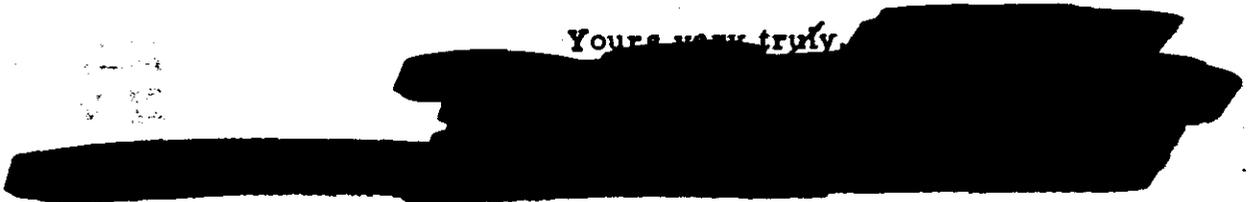
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HENRY J. TAYLOR Says— *U.S.*

U.S. Failures In Panama Swept Under The Rug

NEW YORK

Secretary of State Dean Rusk, taken by surprise about events in Panama, told the House Foreign Affairs Committee on January 15 that his department had consulted the returned Ambassador Joseph S. Farland.

"Oh, yes, Mr. Farland has been completely de-briefed," he testified.

On Farland's statement to writer Victor Riesel this is absolutely untrue. He was asked about nothing. Farland sat around Washington for three solid weeks without even—or ever—being consulted ("de-briefed").

It is vital now for President Johnson to find out who in the State Department arranged to misinform the Secretary of State.

Repeated failures to be informed, failures of subordinates to level with their boss, calculated sabotage of information such as the Farland brushoff, and repeated denials of the undeniable mistakes confront us again with the same mysteries we faced in the days of Yalta and of Alger Hiss.

Each Crisis Was Surprise

Each crisis is a surprise—Soviet missiles in Cuba, Laos, the Berlin Wall, Nehru's invasion of Goa, the Dominican revolution, the Cambodian backlash, Zanzibar, Panama. Surprise, surprise, surprise. In the sacred name of the security of the United States, what's going on here?

Like Secretary Rusk, CIA Director John A. McCone also failed inexplicably to consult Farland when the ambassador returned from Panama, although Farland's dispatches bristled with information about the Castro buildup and mounting crisis.

An ex-FBI star, counter-espionage expert, the chief of missions, and admittedly the most successful ambassador we've had in Latin America for many years, Farland was utterly ignored.

Who in the CIA and State Department kept Farland away from the tops? And why was no new ambassador to Panama appointed for five critical months after Farland's return home last August?

Now, one of the things Farland knew, and that I knew, too, was that the CIA in both Cuba and Panama had been infiltrated wholesale by Soviet-trained Castro agents. This disclosure was proven by the systematic murders and tortures that greeted Cuban and Panamanian anti-Communists promptly after being recruited by the CIA.

Details? I repeat here the text of my article of February 27, 1963—11 long and decisive months ago—including the name of Castro's main agent in Panama, only to prove beyond any possible doubt that no surprise at the top of our government is permissible.

"Castro guerrilla fleet is moving fighters and their arms into Panama. Costa Rican Communist Julio Bernal is in Havana directing this week's support in Costa Rica—on Panama's border. The chief debarkation point is La Coloma (Cuba), now a Soviet-occupied port. Castro's receiving agent, *youngster*, and cover in Pan-



Ex-Ambassador to Panama Joseph S. Farland was asked about nothing.

ama's famous Panamanian Communist Thelma King—religions, relentless, competent.

"By air these groups operate from the Soviet air base at San Julian, 90 miles southwest of Havana, and from San Antonio de Los Baños. They are headquartered in downtown Cienfuegos and the central radio tool is a very modern Russian-built station on Key Breton." February 27, 1963!

Endless Pattern of Surprises

Starting with the Bay of Pigs, after new teams entered the innards of the State Department and CIA, the endless pattern of surprises and failures we have would be utterly impossible unless our government has been infiltrated at the policy level.

The British, French, West German, Italian, Dutch, and Swedish governments have experienced such Soviet infiltration. As our American ambassador to Switzerland, I saw this happen even there. And we are seeing the success of deep-cover Sino-Soviet agents and fellow travelers planted here.

As it did to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, it must come as a tragic, horrible shock to President Johnson. But all legislation and other important duties fall to nothing compared with the heartbreaking, shifty, diabolic problem he confronts: the restoration of internal top-level security.

Moreover, he knows the enemy's self-serving alibi of "witch hunt" will automatically glare, as always and everywhere, the moment he moves.

May all intelligent citizens and thoughtful newspapers across our country help give him the strength to reach each discoverable trunk, place security above every other consideration and let the chips fall where they may. This mission is in absolute peril—with Washington

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 7/8/64

FROM : D. C. Morrell *pen/gem*

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL

DATE 9/28/84 BY SP8 BTJ/lcl

Mr. Winchell has been sending originals or copies of letters he has received from persons who have written to "Life" magazine in accordance with the suggestion in Mr. Winchell's column. Several communications were received from him by envelope without cover communication. These were mailed by envelopes postmarked July 1 and July 4.

He enclosed copies of correspondence with Senator Mundt regarding the Senator's action in placing Mr. Winchell's column about the "Life" editorial in the "Congressional Record." The Director wrote Senator Mundt on 6/18/64 to thank him for his action. Other letters Mr. Winchell forwarded are from

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Bufiles contain no information identifiable with any of these individuals.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Since Mr. Winchell has been sending these without cover letter and has been mailing several communications every few days, it is not believed appropriate to write him on each occasion to acknowledge receipt.

2. That the attached letters to the above-named individuals, except Senator Mundt, be forwarded.

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Enclosures (5) *sent*

1 - Mr. DeLoach *7-8-64*

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Date: 7/23/64

Mr. Tolson	
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Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
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Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (80-252) ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

RE: WALTER WINCHELL INFORMATION CONCERNING DATE 9/28/84 BY SP8 BTJ/ML
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On the evening of 7/22/64 WALTER WINCHELL telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Office and advised that he desired the Director to be aware that he was going to sign a contract with ABC Films, Inc., to do a television series of 39 thirty-minute programs which will be captioned "WALTER WINCHELL Narrates 'Headliners'".

Mr. WINCHELL advised that ABC Films, Inc. has accumulated 93,000,000 feet of old newsreel clips, which have been taken over the past 45 years. The format of the show will be showing portions of these film clips pertaining to famous incidents, particularly in the criminal field, with a narration by WALTER WINCHELL.

Mr. WINCHELL furnished no information concerning any contemplated date for starting production or any other details concerning the venture.

For the Bureau's information, it has been determined from other sources that ABC Films, Inc., 190 North Canon Drive, Beverly Hills, California, handles sales of American Broadcasting Corporation TV programs, which are offered for syndication to independent TV stations throughout the United States. "The Untouchables" is an example of a TV series which is now being offered to independent stations through ABC Films, Inc.

In the event additional information is received, concerning this contemplated TV series, the Bureau will be advised.

cc - Detroit
cc - WICH

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Approved: JUL 31 1964
Special Agent in Charge

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July 27, 1964

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

On 6/29/64 Mr. and Mrs. Willie Smith purchased home [redacted] Anniston, Ala. They then decided they wanted residence at [redacted]. When Mrs. Smith went to clean this residence, she noted it had been burned on inside. Origin of fire unknown but believed results of beer party held in vacant house. [redacted] had received no threats or harrassment. [redacted] stated did not believe [redacted] house deliberately burned. Above information was furnished to Civil Rights Division on 7/2/64 and no further investigation has been requested.

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J.A. CASBY/ace
7/28/84
[Signature]

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Date: 7/24/64

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Casper
- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. Conrad
- Mr. DeLoach
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (80-252)

RE: WALTER WINCHELL 67-31615
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau 6/29/64

At 5:05 p.m., 7/23/64, WALTER WINCHELL telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Office to advise that King Features in New York had received a communication from "his editor in Anniston, Alabama", and that the editor has advised King Features that he received information from a Special Assistant Attorney General that the story by WINCHELL concerning WILLIE SMITH's house burning to the ground is without foundation. The editor in Anniston, Alabama, wants WINCHELL to print a retraction or correction.

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As the Bureau is aware, Mr. WINCHELL wrote a story which appeared under his byline in many newspapers about 6/29/64, wherein he alleged that WILLIE SMITH, rising young Negro star for the Los Angeles Angels, American League baseball team, had told him about his house in the Carver Heights section of Anniston, Alabama, being "burned to the ground by suspected segregationists". Investigation by the Birmingham Office has disclosed that a small fire did occur in an unoccupied house which the SMITH family planned to purchase; however, interview with _____ and contact with the Anniston Fire Department disclosed no indication of any racial aspects in connection with this fire, which was of unknown origin.

- ① - Bureau
- 1 - Birmingham (Info)
- 2 - Los Angeles

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CC - Rosen

Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. WINCHELL stated that he had no specific information as to what actually occurred in Anniston, Alabama, except that information which he allegedly received from WILLIE SMITH, and he stated he was not going to print a retraction, "even if it cost him his job". He stated he was furnishing this information to the Los Angeles Office so that the FBI would be aware of the latest development in the WILLIE SMITH case.

No comments were made to Mr. WINCHELL concerning the results of any investigation in the case [REDACTED]

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For the information of the Bureau, it is felt that the possibility exists that an Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Rights Section of the Department may have corresponded with an editor of a newspaper in Anniston, Alabama, in order to set the record straight concerning the facts in this matter.

Above furnished for the information of Bureau and Birmingham.

AUG 2 1964

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- Mr. Conrad _____
- Mr. DeLoach _____
- Mr. Evans _____
- Mr. Gale _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Sullivan _____
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- Miss Gandy _____

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM LOS ANGELES 80-252 ATTENTION: TO THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

BELMONT

WALTER WINCHELL. INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE PHONE CALL FROM MR. BELMONT TODAY.

EXTENSIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MATTER REFERRED
 TO BY WINCHELL IN HIS CONTACT WITH THE DIRECTOR FURNISHED
 TO THE BUREAU BY LOS ANGELES LETTER JULY TEN, LAST, CAPTIONED

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[REDACTED] AS NOTED IN THIS LETTER
 WINCHELL HAS IN NUMEROUS RECENT COLUMNS, SOLICITED INFORMATION
 FROM INFORMANTS AS TO THE POSSIBLE SOLUTION OF THE STRANGLE
 MURDER OF KARYN KUPCINET NOVEMBER THIRTY, NINETEEN SIXTY THREE
 IN HOLLYWOOD. KARYN KUPCINET WAS THE DAUGHTER OF IRV KUPCINET,
 PROMINANT CHICAGO NEWS COLUMNIST AND REPORTEDLY A CLOSE FRIEND OF
 WINCHELL. WINCHELL HAS HAD EXTENSIVE CONTACT WITH [REDACTED]

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]
IN TURN WAS INTRODUCED BY WINCHELL TO [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] LOS ANGELES. WINCHELL HAS ADVISED
[REDACTED] THAT HE AGREED TO HELP [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] IN TURN WOULD HAVE [REDACTED]
FURNISH WINCHELL INFORMATION TO SOLVE THE KARYN KUPCINET MURDER.

AS NOTED IN LETTER TO BUREAU, [REDACTED]
WAS INTERVIEWED BY SA-S [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]
AS WELL AS WITH [REDACTED] IN THE LATTERS OFFICE, JULY
TWO, LAST. [REDACTED] FURNISHED EXTREMELY VAGUE, NONSPECIFIC
AND OFTEN TIMES RAMBLING AND INCOHERENT INFORMATION [REDACTED]

IT WILL BE NOTED THAT MOST OF THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY
[REDACTED] WAS COMPLETELY INCONSISTANT WITH THE FACTS
DEVELOPED DURING THE INVESTIGATION. [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] S NOTED IN LOS ANGELES LETTER TO BUREAU,
[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT FOLLOWING THE INTERVIEW ON JULY SIX,
LAST, HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH WINCHELL, AND WINCHELL AGREED WITH

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[REDACTED] THAT [REDACTED] HAS
NO PERTINENT INFORMATION IN THE KARYN KUPCINET MURDER CASE.

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ON THE AFTERNOON OF JULY TWENTYTWO LAST, MR. WINCHELL
WAS INTERVIEWED BY [REDACTED] AND SA [REDACTED]
IN HIS OFFICE IN BEVERLY HILLS, AFTER MR. WINCHELL TELEPHONICALLY
CONTACTED THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE AND REQUESTED AGENTS CONTACT
HIM IN REGARD TO HIS INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] ON JULY
TWENTYONE, LAST.

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MR. WINCHILL ADVISED THAT JUDGE THURMOND CLARKE HAD ISSUED A N ORDER JULY TWENTY, LAST PERMITTING HIM TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AND HE HAD INTERVIEWED [REDACTED] FOR THIRTY MINUTES IN THE OFFICE OF U S MARSHALL, U S COURT HOUSE, LOS ANGELES, JULY TWENTY ONE, LAST.

MR. WINCHELL CLAIMED [REDACTED] HAD FURNISHED VOLUNIMOUS INFORMATION TO HIM, [REDACTED]

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THROUGHOUT THE DISCUSSION OF THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] MR. WINCHELL WOULD CHANGE THE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AND START DISCUSSING HIS INVESTIGATION OF THE KARYN KUPCINET MURDER CASE. HE SUBSEQUENTLY ALLUDED TO THE EFFECT THAT HE BELIEVED [REDACTED] AS WELL AS [REDACTED] MIGHT BE ABLE TO FURNISH INFORMATION WHICH WOULD LEAD TO THE SOLUTION OF THIS MURDER.

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WINCHELL MADE NUMEROUS APPARENT ATTEMPTS TO HAVE AGENTS COMMENT AS TO THE KUPCINET MURDER, AND AT ALL TIMES HE WAS TACTFULLY TOLD THAT THIS MURDER WAS BEING INVESTIGATED BY THE HOMICIDE BUREAU OF THE LASO, AND AGENTS WERE UNABLE TO COMMENT ON ANY PHASE OF THAT INVESTIGATION. NO COMMENT WAS MADE BY AGENTS AS TO THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY WINCHELL WHICH HE RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED] MR. WINCHELL WAS NOT ADVISED THAT AGENTS HAD INTERVIEWED [REDACTED] EARLIER THAT DATE PRIOR TO THEIR INTERVIEW WITH WINCHELL.

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, [REDACTED] WHO HAS HAD EXTENSIVE CONTACT WITH MR. WINCHELL IN RECENT WEEKS, HAS ADVISED THAT IN HIS OPINION, WINCHELL IS USING HIS CONTACTS WITH [REDACTED] AS A QUOTE WEDGE UNQUOTE

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT WINCHELL HAS BEEN IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH CAPTIAN AL ETSSEL AND LT. GEORGE WALSH WHO ARE HANDLING THE INVESTIGATION FOR THE LASO, AND HAS FREQUENTLY TRIED TO HAVE THESE OFFICERS DISCUSS THE KUPCINET CASE WITH HIM. ETSSEL AND WALSH HAVE TOLD WINCHELL THAT THEY WWOULD TAKE ANY INFORMATION THAT HE MIGHT FURNISH, BUT THEY WILL NOT DISCUSS WITH HIM DETAILS OF THEIR

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INVESTIGATION [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT CAPTIAN EISEL
AND LT. WALSH INTERVIEWED [REDACTED] JULY TWENTY TWO, LAST,
AND [REDACTED] REFUSED TO DISCUSS ANY MATTER WITH THE M OUT OF THE
PRESENCE OF MR. WINCHELL. EISEL AND WALSH HAVE REFUSED TO INTERVIEW

[REDACTED] UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED IT IS HIS OPINION WINCHELL
IS USING THE INFORMATION FROM [REDACTED] BY TELLING
THE LASO THAT HE IS RECEIVING THIS INFORMATION FROM THEM, AND HAS
QUOTE FURNISHED IT TO THE FBI ALSO UNQUOTE, AND THEREBY WINCHELL
FEELS HE MIGHT FORCE THE LASO HOMICIDE BUREAU TO WORK MORE
CLOSELY WITH HIM.

ALL INFORMATION FURNISHED BY MR. WINCHELL WAS COURTEOUSLY
AND TACTFULLY RECEIVED AND ALL OF HIS INFORMATION WAS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED
ALTHOUGH IT IS NOTED THAT HE DID NOT FURNISH ANY INFORMATION WHICH
WAS NOT PREVIOUSLY KNOWN TO THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE, AND WHICH
HAS ALSO BEEN KNOWN TO [REDACTED] AT ALL TIMES AND
AT THE END OF THE INTERVIEW MR. WINCHELL APPEARED EXTREMELY CORDIAL
TOWARDS THE AGENTS.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTENTION: ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR BELMONT

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (80-252)

WALTER WINCHELL
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Re Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau, 8/1/64, in
the matter of Mr. WINCHELL receiving information from
in the KARYN KUPCINET murder case.

California, who has had extensive contact with Mr. WINCHELL,
as well as

as follows: on 8/3/64: advised SA
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During this contact then asked
"Does [redacted] really know anything about the murder of KARYN
KUPCINET?" answered, "No, but he may know some
people who do know." then advised

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that Mr. WINCHELL thinks [redacted] knows who is involved in the KUPCINET murder and [redacted] remarked, "WINCHELL doesn't know what he is talking about." Then [redacted] referred to Mr. WINCHELL in profane terms and said, "I'll straighten that (blank) out when I see him next time."

About two hours after [redacted] contacted him, [redacted] received a phone call from [redacted] who was very excited and irate and started her phone conversation with [redacted] "Where did you and the FBI get the information [redacted] knows who killed KARYN KUPCINET?"

[redacted] advised that he considered this opening question by [redacted] shocking because in two prior contacts with her, first in the presence of Mr. WINCHELL she told him that [redacted] could furnish Mr. WINCHELL information to solve the KUPCINET murder case and she later repeated this same information in his office a few days later.

[redacted] advised that he answered [redacted] by saying, "You told me [redacted] had information as to the killing of KARYN KUPCINET and Mr. WINCHELL has told me that you and [redacted] had information in the solution of this murder." [redacted] then stated to [redacted] "You're a liar and WINCHELL doesn't know what he is talking about." [redacted] advised because he considers [redacted] as has previously been reported to the Bureau, he did not desire to argue with her, but he did suggest to her that if she and [redacted] did not know anything about the KUPCINET murder case, she should straighten Mr. WINCHELL out because Mr. WINCHELL definitely believes she and [redacted] do have such information.

[redacted] then said, [redacted] has given Mr. WINCHELL the names of some people in the syndicate and if the right detective works on this case, he can find the answer." [redacted] advised that these most recent contacts with [redacted] and [redacted] further confirms his opinion that [redacted]

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TO DIRECTOR

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ATTENTION: ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR BELMONT

FROM LOS ANGELES 80-252 5P

WALTER WINCHELL. INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE PHONE CALL TODAY FROM SECTION CHIEF REX SCHRODER TO
SAC, LOS ANGELES, AND LOS ANGELES AIRTEL TO BUREAU, AUGUST
THREE LAST.

IN REGARD TO UNIDENTIFIED AGENTS WHO ALLEGEDLY COMPLAINED
TO THE U. S. MARSHAL ABOUT WALTER WINCHELL BEING PERMITTED
TO TALK TO ██████████ CONCERNING THE KARYN KUPCINET
MURDER, THE FOLLOWING IS SET OUT.

AS REFLECTED IN LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO THE DIRECTOR,

AUGUST ONE LAST, SAS ██████████ AND ██████████

INTERVIEWED ██████████ IN A CELL BLOCK OF THE U. S. MARSHALS OFFICE, LOS ANGELES, STARTING ABOUT TEN A M,

JULY TWENTYTWO LAST, AFTER MR. THOMAS R. SHERIDAN, CHIEF
Assistant United States Attorney
AUSA, LOS ANGELES, MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE U. S. MARSHALS

OFFICE TO HAVE ██████████ BROUGHT TO THE MARSHALS OFFICE FROM

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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL. NO CONVERSATION WHATSOEVER WAS HAD WITH ANY DEPUTY U. S. MARSHAL OR WITH U. S. MARSHAL

BY AGENTS [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] AS TO WINCHELLS INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] IN FACT, NEITHER AGENT WAS AWARE AT THAT TIME THAT WINCHELL HAD INTERVIEWED [REDACTED] BOTH AGENTS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] DENY SEEING OR HAVING ANY CONTACT WITH U. S. MARSHAL [REDACTED] IN AT LEAST TWO MONTHS.

AS REFLECTED IN LOS ANGELES TELETYPE, AUGUST ONE LAST, MR. WINCHELL WAS INTERVIEWED AT HIS REQUEST IN HIS BEVERLY HILLS OFFICE BY [REDACTED] AND SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STARTING ABOUT FOUR FORTYFIVE P M, JULY TWENTYTWO LAST. AT THE START OF THIS INTERVIEW, MR. WINCHELL ADVISED THAT HE HAD INTERVIEWED [REDACTED] ON JULY TWENTYONE LAST ~~DATE~~ IN [REDACTED] OFFICE ~~ENROUTE~~, AFTER U. S. DISTRICT JUDGE THURMOND CLARKE HAD SIGNED A COURT ORDER PERMITTING HIM TO CONDUCT THIS INTERVIEW. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT AGENTS WERE AWARE THAT MR. WINCHELL HAD INTERVIEWED [REDACTED]

NEITHER SAS [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] HAVE HAD ANY CONTACT WHATSOEVER WITH U. S. MARSHAL [REDACTED] OR ANY DEPUTY SINCE IT WAS FIRST LEARNED WINCHELL HAD INTERVIEWED [REDACTED]

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AS SET OUT ABOVE.

IN REGARD TO THE ALLEGATION THAT SA [REDACTED] ALLEGEDLY TOLD [REDACTED] THAT MR. WINCHELL WAS NOT RUNNING THE FBI AND SHOULD MIND HIS OWN BUSINESS, THIS IS CATEGORICALLY DENIED BY SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] WHO WAS PRESENT DURING THE ENTIRE INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] HAS DENIED THAT ANY SUCH STATEMENT WAS MADE TO [REDACTED]

REFERENCED LOS ANGELES AIRTEL TO THE BUREAU, AUGUST THREE LAST, IN SUMMARY REFLECTS INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BY SA [REDACTED] REGARDING CONVERSATIONS HE HAD AUGUST THREE LAST WITH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] APPEARED IN [REDACTED] OFFICE IN THE MORNING AND

[REDACTED] ASKED [REDACTED] IF HE BELIEVED THAT [REDACTED] KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT THE KARYN KUPCINET MURDER AND [REDACTED]

ANSWERED ^{QUOTE} "NO, BUT HE MAY KNOW SOME PEOPLE WHO DO KNOW"

^{ENDQUOTE}. [REDACTED] THEN ADVISED [REDACTED] THAT MR. WINCHELL

THINKS [REDACTED] KNEW WHO WAS INVOLVED IN THE MURDER.

ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] ANSWERED ^{QUOTE} "WINCHELL

DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HE IS TALKING ABOUT" ^{ENDQUOTE} AND THEN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REFERRED TO WINCHELL IN PROFANE TERMS AND STATED TO

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[REDACTED] ^NQUOTE I'LL STRAIGHTEN THAT BAREN (OBSCENE) ~~EMPHASIS~~ OUT
WHEN I SEE HIM NEXT TIME ^NENQUOTE.

ABOUT TWO HOURS AFTER THIS CONTACT WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM [REDACTED] WHO ADVISED

[REDACTED] SHE HAD BEEN TALKING TO [REDACTED] AND

SHE ASKED IN AN EXCITED AND IRATE TONE ^NQUOTE "WHERE DID YOU AND
THE FBI GET THE INFORMATION [REDACTED] KNOWS WHO KILLED KARYN

KUPCINET?" ^NENQUOTE. [REDACTED] THEN REMINDED [REDACTED]

THAT SHE HAD TOLD HIM TWICE [REDACTED] HAD INFORMATION AS TO
THE POSSIBLE SOLUTION OF THE KUPCINET CASE, FIRST IN THE
PRESENCE OF MR. WINCHELL AND LATER IN HIS OFFICE. [REDACTED]

THEN CALLED [REDACTED] A LIAR AND SAID WINCHELL DIDN'T KNOW WHAT
HE WAS TALKING ABOUT. SHE THEN CLAIMED [REDACTED] HAD GIVEN

MR. WINCHELL THE NAMES OF SEVERAL PERSONS IN A SYNDICATE AND
IF THE RIGHT DETECTIVE WORKED ON THE CASE THE ANSWER TO THE
MURDER COULD BE FOUND.

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE DID NOT ARGUE WITH [REDACTED]

BECAUSE [REDACTED] AND THESE MOST RECENT
REMARKS BY HER AND [REDACTED] CONFIRMED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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AFFIDAVITS BEING SUBMITTED BY SAS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

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re WALTER WINCHELL	
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[Handwritten signature]

Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear John:

Enclosed is a letter from the family about whom I spoke to you in Del Mar.

I was trying to help the FBI, Sheriffs, etc. solve a murder. Now I will never know what I might have had.

Best,

[Handwritten signature]
Walter Winchell

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P.S. Please return the attached for my files.

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Mr. Walter Winchell
235 East 45th Street
New York 17, New York

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Dear Walter:

I have received your letter of August 21st,
with enclosure, and I appreciate your bringing this material
to my attention.

In accordance with your request, the letter
which you forwarded is being returned herewith.

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Sincerely,
John

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NOTE: Mr. Winchell is on the Special Correspondents' List. Enclosure
furnished by Mr. Winchell reportedly written by [redacted] apparently
was written by [redacted]

[redacted] Entire letter is a rehash of information
previously furnished our Los Angeles Office by Mr. Winchell during July and
August, 1964, and which was brought to the Director's attention by memoranda
of 8/30/64. Recent contacts by [redacted] with [redacted]
Los Angeles, has caused [redacted] to reach the opinion that [redacted]

[redacted] This murder referred to by Mr. Winchell relates
to that of Karyn Kupcinet, daughter of Newspaper columnist Irv Kupcinet who
was found in her Hollywood apartment, 11/30/63. Investigation concerning this
murder is being handled by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office.

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- MR. GALE _____
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- MR. SULLIVAN _____
- MR. TAVEL _____
- MR. TROTTER _____
- MISS HOLMES _____
- MISS GANDY _____

- SEE ME _____
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Mr. and Mrs. United States

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The deceitful are victims of their own exaggerations. Since they cannot reconcile stark truth with private delusions, there are extremities of illogic and the debasing touch of malice. The latest example was reached by Life magazine's recent clumsy exercise in defamation directed at No. 1 G-man John Edgar Hoover... Contradictory in fact and irresponsible in intent, the turgid composition is reminiscent of George Orwell's nightmare world--where Good is

Bad

Competence is described as cause for resignation--dedication is scorned as demagoguery--pride is derided as self-glorification--longevity is dismissed as dangerous--and efficiency is denounced as one-man rule.

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WALTER WINCHELL

The bulk of the mag's strange indictment is encompassed in this paragraph "But the most serious defect in this business of Mr. Hoover's continuing one-man rule centers around the Bureau's preoccupation with him. Evidence of the Hoover cult abounds. Perhaps the most startling signs appear in the documents put out by the FBI about the boss. In one biographical handout Mr. Hoover's career is described with such unequivocal sentences as: 'During the past 30 years, the entire complexion of law enforcement throughout the United States has been changed primarily because of the principles advocated by Mr. Hoover and successfully tried by law enforcement agencies.'"

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The rather obvious suggestion is that Mr. Hoover's accomplishments are mere personal propaganda... The truth is that they are matters of historical record... On May 10, 1964 The N.Y. Times reported: "No one disputes Mr. Hoover's solid accomplishments. He eliminated political influence in appointments. He had the foresight to promote--on a scale never before attempted in America-- high scientific standards in detective work. And he established a huge fingerprint collection, an indispensable resource in tracking down criminals. He also created a skilled laboratory to make scientific tests on minute physical clues. Mr. Hoover also founded the National Police Academy, which trains

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selected officers from departments throughout the country in the latest scientific methods"...The newspaper added: "Mr. Hoover has made an incalculable contribution to raising the standards of law enforcement in the U.S."

new paragraph

(Life)

The primary problem with debunking the/article is that so much of it is ludicrous--it is difficult to choose the most foolish paragraph. But this one comes close: "But I wonder if the loyalty of his staff and his own continuing efficiency, his remarkable popularity with Presidents and public officials and the confidence so many private citizens have in his ability, really qualify Mr. Hoover for a perpetual lock on the job."

If loyalty, efficiency, popularity, respect and integrity don't qualify a man for a job--whatinell does? Disloyalty? Incompetence? Unpopularity? Disrespect? Dishonesty?

The obvious conclusion is simply this: When a man's record and reputation are unassailable you can abuse him by describing Good as Evil. This is to remind the mag's editors of another reason to vilify him. For more than 40 years the FBI has been unblemished by scandal.

new paragraph

There is no function of our national existence--from the lonely blinking lights off the Florida Keys--to the signal towers of the Alaska railroad--whose operations are not the responsibility of some very responsible person in our Nation's Capitl...Tens of thousands of faithful Americans give the Civil Services the same selfless devotion--that the Flag receives from the Armed Forces...Their heartbreaking role is that their effectiveness is taken for granted...And, in this case, a diligent and dedicated public servant is being condemned for being successful. There is no need to belabor the unreasoning aspects of the magazine's indictment. Such idiocy is self-destructive.

new paragraph

The diatribe against J. Edgar Hoover is launched with: "Under ordinary circumstances the Roman senate conferred god status on a few emperors while

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Mr. Hoover has always acted within his Constitutional powers. And it follows the previous, defined slant of the turvy-topsy logic: Make the target seem devilish by ascribing godlike ambitions.

new paragraph

The article rages on: "One gets the feeling that if Mr. Hoover departed the Bureau (FBI) would fold. The 170 million fingerprints would fade away on their cards, and the agents, mourning the retirement of their leader, would turn flabby. I don't think that either the Bureau or J. Edgar Hoover would suffer much from a separation."

The FBI chief has never contended he is indispensable. And it would be equally unrealistic to deny his importance to the nation's security. To demand his resignation (or suggest Mr. Hoover is "too old") during these critical days would be as recklessly foolish as demanding the resignation of General Eisenhower during the Normandy invasion... The FBI may or may not suffer from such a divorce. But we know that the American people would suffer --since it would represent a triumph for every spy, subversive, hoodlum, corrupt politician and traitor--Here, There & Everywhere.

new paragraph

The picture weekly snidely comments that Mr. Hoover "could take any one of a number of jobs that have been offered him in private business or he could just putter with his azaleas and play the horses at his favorite \$2 / window."

I have another scandal for Mr. Luce's lily-white mag: J. Edgar occasionally loses as much as ten bux at the track--his limit.

new paragraph

Let there be no misconceptions: This reporter has no desire to disgrace Mr. G-Man (and his agents) with a defense... But I would be derelict in my duties as a newspaperman and citizen if I neglected to debunk Life's bunk...

3. windbell Sunday 2:01 News

I believe that its "Plot-the-Man-Down" article should not go unchallenged without a really clear public understanding of the mag's motives... So I urge my readers to clip this col'm and mail it to Life's idiots at the Time & Life Bldg, 51st Street and 6th Ave. in NYC with a request for a rational ^{stat} explanatio.

Several weeks ago President Johnson called Mr. Hoover "a quiet, humble and magnificent ~~xxx~~ public servant."

The only Americans we can think of, who might not subscribe to the President's sentiments, are those named on the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted" list.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

September 21, 1964

The attached letter was referred to the Director by Walter Winchell with the following note:

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TO SEC VIA J.E. Hoover

SUCKERS BEWARE of the Park Avenue con man
(and his charming feminine assistant)
peddling stock and/or interest in phony
California gold mines in the High Sierras.
The mines are there, but all the gold has
been taken out long ago. He is a dignified
white-haired gentleman with prepossessing
Park Avenue offices and a Park Avenue coop.
Casually drops Big Names (but THE BIGGEST),
flashes a bag of gold nuggets, poses as an
Ivy League alumnus (class 1912), uses the
Princeton and Yale Clubs as his headquarters,
and a college prof of geology as steerer.
Swindles his friends to the tune of \$25,000
or more and "takes" aging widows of slender
means for whatever he can get. Promises big
dividends. Is guided by a Park Avenue legal
firm specializing in violations of the S.E.C.
cases.###

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Mr. Walter Winchell
Room 138H
The Ambassador
3400 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles 5, California

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Dear Walter:

I received your note of September 18th and
want to thank you for bringing this data to my attention. As
you indicated, I am referring a copy of your communication
to the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission,
425 Second Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

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Sincerely,

John

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Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear John:

The enclosed speaks for itself. I was in court to hear the summations by both sides and the judge's charge.

The thing that eludes me is why Agent Geary solicited this man's assistance to apprehend fugitives and then failed him on the witness stand. Also I do not understand why Federal agents from the Treasury Department and the FBI did not arrest him.

The buzz among newspaper people in San Diego is that a new law was being tested for the first time and to quote some of them: "The State had to have a conviction or nobody could ever be held on that charge again". If this is true, it is a shameful thing in my opinion.

Also I am told by reputable newspaper people there that one of the high State lawmen confided to others "This is a tough one because so many important San Diegans and others are character witnesses for the defendant and if he is not indicted, we may be accused of being influenced by his important and famous friends". The District Attorney is alleged to have told others "We prosecute the guilty and raise hell with the innocent".

I was invited to meet the judge by Commissioner of Jurors Bowen but said: "No, thank you, not while he is presiding over this case". One of his staff also suggested (when I asked where a good restaurant was at lunch) "Why not go up to the cafeteria in the building" and I asked if judges, court attaches, prosecutors, and Federal people would be there. The reply was "Very likely" and I said "No, thank you, I will go to a restaurant down the street", which I did.

This letter to you, John, is to report my activities that day in San Diego and in the court house and in no way is this intended for any other reason.

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Good wishes,

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Walter

Walter Winchell

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TO DIRECTOR

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RE BUTELCAL SEPTEMBER TWENTY NINE INSTANT CONCERNING
LETTER WRITTEN BY WALTER WINCHELL CRITICIZING PROSECUTION OF
SUBJECT.

MONTEVERDE, AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, HAS BEEN OPERATING IN AND
AROUND TIJUANA, MEXICO, FOR MANY YEARS IN VARIOUS OCCUPATIONS,
LAST BEING MANAGER OR CORONET RESTAURANT, FREQUENTED BY NEWS
MEDIA AND ON OCCASIONS CELEBRITIES. HE LOST THIS JOB APPROXIMATELY
A YEAR AGO AND REPORTEDLY HAS CONTINUED TO LIVE BY HIS WITS AND
ON HIS WIFES INCOME AS A SCHOOLTEACHER. HE REPORTEDLY HAS
NUMEROUS FRIENDS AT ALL LEVELS OF LIFE [REDACTED]

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EVIDENCE INTRODUCED AT TRIAL, INCLUDING TAPED RECORDINGS, ESTABLISHED MONTEVERDE FIRST MET FEDERAL NARCOTIC UNDERCOVER AGENT ON FEBRUARY FOURTEEN, AT WHICH TIME HE MADE OFFER TO SELL TEN OUNCES OF HEROIN, THREE DAYS BEFORE RECEIPT OF WANTED FLYER IN THIS OFFICE ON FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN, AND FIVE DAYS BEFORE FLYER FURNISHED TO HIM BY SA GERRY.

MONTEVERDE WAS PROSECUTED UNDER STATE LAW FOR OFFERING TO SELL NARCOTICS BECAUSE THERE WAS NO FEDERAL CASE OF AN ACTUAL SALE, ACCORDING TO LOCAL PROSECUTING ATTORNEY AND FEDERAL BUREAU OF NARCOTICS. THEY ADVISE THIS IS NOT A NEW LAW AND IT WAS NOT A TEST CASE. THEY FELT THE SERIOUSNESS OF OFFER TO SELL TEN OUNCES OF HEROIN MADE IT NECESSARY TO CONSIDER PROSECUTION. BECAUSE OF LOCAL PROCESS HE WAS ARRESTED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND NOT FEDERAL BUREAU OF NARCOTICS AGENTS.

MONTEVERDE TESTIFIED HE RECEIVED WANTED FLYER FROM GERRY ON FEBRUARY SEVEN LAST. IN REBUTTEL, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY HAD MONTEVERDE READ DATE WANTED FLYER WAS ISSUED, WHICH IS FEBRUARY TWELVE NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR. THIS DRAMATIC EXAMPLE OF A WITNESS BEING CAUGHT IN A LIE ON THE STAND RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE PRESS
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ATTENTION HERE.

SA GERRY TESTIFIED HE GAVE WANTED FLYER TO MONTEVERDE ON FEBRUARY NINETEENTH. LOCATOR CARD AND FD TWO ZERO NINE REPORTING CONTACT WITH MONTEVERDE VERIFY THIS. I TESTIFIED AS TO RECEIPT OF WANTED FLYER IN THIS OFFICE.

MONTEVERDE IS DESCRIBED AS A HABITUAL LIAR, A QUOTE BORDER OPERATOR UNQUOTE WHO HAS LIVED BY HIS WITS FOR MANY YEARS. TWENTY SIX LOCAL CHARACTER WITNESSES, INCLUDING NEIL MORGAN OF SAN DIEGO TRIBUNE, FRANK RHODES OF SAN DIEGO UNION, BOTH WELL KNOWN COLUMNISTS, AND OTHERS TESTIFIED AS TO THEIR OPINION OF HIS REPUTATION AS TO TRUTH.

WALTER WINCHELL DID NOT TESTIFY AS A CHARACTER WITNESS. IT IS RUMORED THE REASON HE DID NOT TESTIFY IS THAT MONTEVERDE GOT WINCHELL OUT OF TIJUANA OVER A YEAR AGO AFTER HE WAS INVOLVED IN SOME SCRAPE. ALTHOUGH DETAILS NOT KNOWN TO PROSECUTOR, RUMOR WAS SUFFICIENT TO CHALLENGE WINCHELL.

THE ONLY DEFENSE WITNESSES WERE MONTEVERDE'S WIFE AND NICK AVENETTI WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN WANTED FLYER IN MONTEVERDES POSSESSION PRIOR TO FEBRUARY FOURTEEN. [REDACTED]

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SA GERRY CONTACTED MONTEVERDE AT HIS HOME, WHICH IS IN UNITED STATES, AS A MATTER OF DISCRETION RATHER THAN OPEN CONTACT WITH HIM IN MEXICO.

TAPES OF MONTEVERDES CONTACT WITH NARCOTICS UNDERCOVER AGENTS INTRODUCED INTO EVIDENCE VERY CLEARLY SHOWED MONTEVERDE WAS INITIATING AND ATTEMPTING TO MAKE A SALE. HE WAS ALSO CAUGHT IN AN OBVIOUS LIE WITH REGARD TO THE FIRST TIME HE SAW THE WANTED FLYER. IT IS ALSO NOTED THE NARCOTICS AGENT HAS NO RESEMBLANCE TO TOP TEN SULLIVAN.

MI HAVE HEARD NONE OF THE RUMORS WINCHELL ATTRIBUTES TO NEWSPAPERMEN IN SAN DIEGO TO EFFECT THAT THE STATE HAD TO HAVE A
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CONVICTION OR THAT NOBODY EVER BE HELD ON THAT CHARGE AGAIN. THERE IS NO INDICATION THIS WAS A TEST CASE. I HAVE RECEIVED NO INFORMATION OF STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO A QUOTE HIGH STATE LAW MAN UNQUOTE. IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY QUESTION AS TO AUTHENTICITY OF DATES OF OUR CONTACT WITH MONTEVERDE IN NEWS MEDIA HERE, I AM POSITIVE I WOULD HAVE BEEN CONTACTED FOR CLARIFICATION.

BUREAU ATTENTION IS ALSO CALLED TO LOS ANGELES LETTER TO DIRECTOR MARCH TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYFOUR CONCERNING ALLEGATIONS OF WINCHELL THAT MONTEVERDE CLAIMED GERRY WOULD TESTIFY THAT HE GAVE POSTER TO HIM WEEK OF FEBRUARY THIRD. IN LOS ANGELES LETTER OF JUNE TWENTY SECOND SIXTYFOUR, WINCHELL ALLEGED THAT GERRY HAD DISAPPEARED.

I HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST FROM DISTRICT ATTORNEY DON KELLER WRITTEN BY F.A. WEISMANTEL, WHO PROSECUTED THIS CASE, COMMENDING GERRY AND MYSELF FOR FORTHRIGHT TESTIMONY. HE ADVISES MONTEVERDE WAS CONVICTED BY JURY ON SEPTEMBER TWENTYFIRST LAST FOR CRIME OF OFFERING TO SELL A NARCOTIC, TO WIT, HEROIN, UNDER SECTION ONE ONE FIVE ZERO ONE

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OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE. MONTEVERDE IS SCHEDULED FOR SENTENCING OCTOBER NINE NEXT.

WEISMANTEL HAS ADVISED ME THAT HE PRESSED FOR PROSECUTION BECAUSE OF EVIDENCE AVAILABLE, CLEARLY SHOWING THAT MONTEVERDE ACTUALLY MADE AN OFFER TO SELL AND THE SERIOUS NATURE OF THE CRIME. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THERE HAVE BEEN NO OUTSIDE PRESSURES ON WEISMANTEL, AND HE FELT THE APPEARANCE OF CHARACTER WITNESSES HAD NO EFFECT ON JURY EVALUATING WEIGHT OF EVIDENCE AGAINST MONTEVERDE.

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- Mr. DeLoach _____
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Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear John:

I told Henry ~~Plitt~~, headman at ABC Films, Inc. in New York, to write you regarding "Disaster Squad". I will appreciate permission to use it as the pilot for my upcoming series.

Mr. Plitt won a Peabody Award in 1962 when he and Fae Thomas (I introduced her to you and Clyde at Del Mar) co-produced a series for that network.

Enclosed find an editorial about you and the FBI from the San Diego Union.

Best,

Walter Winchell

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P.S. I am still at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles.

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THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 8, 1964

NEW MYTH IN THE MAKING

Tricks Fail to Short-Sell FBI

THE LIBERAL-RADICALS have seized upon the Warren Commission report to renew their attack on the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its director, J. Edgar Hoover.

Before the report was released, the liberal-radicals had been conducting a rather desultory campaign to convince the American people that Robert Kennedy was the only attorney general since who knows when who had been able to exert a authority upon Mr. Hoover.

They wanted the voters to believe that Robert Kennedy in his three and a half years as attorney general had found it necessary to impose his will on a man who far surpassed him in ability and in experience and in knowledge of law enforcement.

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This is foolish, of course, but Mr. Kennedy is not without his friends in the field of communications, and they consider it necessary to create a myth as to his achievements to bring about his election as senator from New York State.

The Warren Commission report suggests that somehow the FBI should have gone beyond its authority in relation to its information regarding Lee Harvey Oswald, as if the FBI should have been able to perceive his intentions, though the Supreme Court of which Mr. Warren is Chief Justice has been particularly alert to protect the alleged civil liberties of known Communists and proved criminals.

As a matter of fact, among previous recommendations to the Justice Department by the FBI and Mr. Hoover were measures for stronger coordination and greater exchange of information among federal investigative agencies. The wisdom of these suggestions has been proved by the very case

which the Warren Commission had under consideration. But nothing had been done by either the Kennedy or Johnson Administrations.

The principal claim being made on behalf of the Robert Kennedy "legend" is that he had to order the FBI to "redirect" its major effort to place greater emphasis upon investigations of organized crime, even though this would mean a slackening of FBI operations against espionage agents and Communist activities in the United States.

This is hardly consistent with recommendations in the Warren report, which has so pleased the liberal-radicals.

The record, however, doesn't indicate any slackening of the efforts of the FBI in regard either to espionage or organized crime, and any attempt to conceal or deny the facts to embellish the record of Mr. Kennedy is dishonest on its face.

Much of the anti-crime legislation for which Mr. Kennedy is being given credit actually was recommended to him and the Justice Department by the FBI, and long before he assumed office the FBI was concerned with the enforcement of civil rights in all fields.

It is the practice of politics to give public credit to Cabinet officers or other politically-appointed office holders for the accomplishments of their departments or bureaus, and it taxes the mind to believe that the young Mr. Kennedy, with no experience in law enforcement or any meaningful experience in the practice of law, had to direct Mr. Hoover in the proper discharge of his duties.

But a new Robert Kennedy myth is in the making—and the White House looms in the distance.

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Mr. Walter Winchell
Room 138H
The Ambassador
3400 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles 8, California

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Dear Walter:

Thanks very much for your letter of
October 10th with enclosure. I was glad to learn of the
progress being made in connection with your new television
series, and I will be interested to hear from Mr. Platt
concerning it.

It was good of you to send me the clipping
from "The San Diego Union," and I appreciate your
thoughtfulness in this regard.

Sincerely,

~~Edgar Hoover~~

John

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