

**New York Novelette:** He's a young reporter who toiled for a famous news service here. He went kerplunk over a lovely Broadway doll. She got a chance at Hollywood, and he almost lost his reason pining away for her after she left town... So he figured out a plot. He hired a physician who sympathized with his heartache... The doc testified that he was very ill—and only the California climate could save him... Actually, of course, the reporter remains as strong as Labor Leader Lewis... Anyway, the sympathetic editor had him switched to the Los Angeles branch... The reporter was happy at long last, as a well-known foreigner would say... So what happened?... What usually happens?... One week after he arrived out there—she eloped with another guy, and the wretched newshound can't confess to his boss back here that his illness was counterfeit... To add to his troubles, he has to remain in California, which is getting on his nerves... Moral: Always put ketchup on oysters.

**Manhattan Melody:** The bark of the gold-braided doorman in front of the dime-a-dancehalls... The tune the siren and bells play on the fire engines hastening west on 57th Street... The screech of a cab's brakes which comes to a sudden pause to pick up a fare in front of the Waldorf... The yowl of a columnist whose phrase has been lifted... The muffled roar of the New York Central rattlers under Park Avenue in the latter 40s... The incessant click of the turnstiles in the Wall Street subway depot about 8:30 a.m... The pulsing of El Morocco's rhumba crew, whose tune you can't distinguish above the shouts of the "400"... The screech of a siren on an ambulance forced to the middle of the street because of a cross-town motorist's impatience... The shrill giggle of a cock-eyed gal against the Versailles bar.

**Worthwhile Entertainment:** "Light, Like The Sun" in Reader's Digest (out of The Forum) by Frances Newton. An interesting thesis on cremation... "The Amazing Mr. Means" by J. Edgar Hoover and Courtney Ryley Cooper in the same issue (out of American magazine). "Seventh Heaven" with Simone ditto and James Stewart, due soon at the Music Hall—a lovely thing... "Top of the Town," a Universal treat, due shortly at the Roxy... Renee and Estella's enchanting risgay rhumba routine: "Shoeing the Wild Mare" at Chez Cotton... The Sonny Kendis crew at the Stork toying with "I'm Bubbling Over"—a Gordon and Reveluscious ditty from "Lay Down and Die"... Every moment of the new Paradise revue—such faces!... "Minuet in Jazz," a recording, by the Raymond Scott Quintet (Irving Mills)... Scott's discs are positively zymzie!!! (The last word).

**Sounds In The Night:** In the Yumuri: "She gabs so much, you can't even get a word in if you folded it in two!"... At the Monte Carlo: "There's a girl who lives alone and looks it"... In the Stork: "Is she sophisticated? And how! Never feels guilty about anything she does!"... At the French Casino: "On this street they don't hate you as much as they hate your success"... At Bertolotti's: "Oh, I've known him for about three mink coats and a bracelet"... At El Bolero: "His motto is eat, drink and be in debt!"... In the Village Barn: "But—I've seen so many etchings!"... At the Harlem Uproar House: "He's drama critic for one of those small mags, and is he terrific! They call him the George Jean Nathan of the throwaways"... In the Hollywood: "She spent eight years in three dramatic schools, and now she reads recipes over a block-to-block network"... At the Merry-Go-Round: "Who sez I'm no lady? I gotta charge account in practically every store on Fifth Avenyuh!"... In Bill's Gay 90s: "You heard me! I said you have fine stable-manners!"... In the Brass Rail: "You can't win me with flattery, but you certinny can't lose me, either!"... At the Queen Mary: "He's the sortaguy who tells you how lovely your hair looks and never takes his eyes off your legs"... In Reuben's: "I kissed you in a dream last night—do you mind?"

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DIRECTOR

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

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April 8, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: Anonymous letter to Walter Winchell,  
postmarked "Flushing, New York, March  
1937, 1 P. M."

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Baughman	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Dawsey	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Joseph	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Schilder	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

The anonymous letter is handwritten in ink on a piece of 8 1/2 x 11" typewriter paper containing no watermark. The letter was enclosed in a plain white envelope measuring approximately 3 1/2 x 6 1/2" and containing no watermark.

The handwriting on the anonymous letter and envelope was compared with the handwriting contained in the anonymous letter file in the Laboratory and with the anonymous letters addressed to the Director and members of the Department, but no identification was made. Photographic copies of this letter will be placed in the anonymous letter file and if any identification is made in the future, a further memorandum will be written.

Photographic copies of the letter and envelope are attached hereto.

Respectfully,

*E. P. Coffey*  
E. P. Coffey

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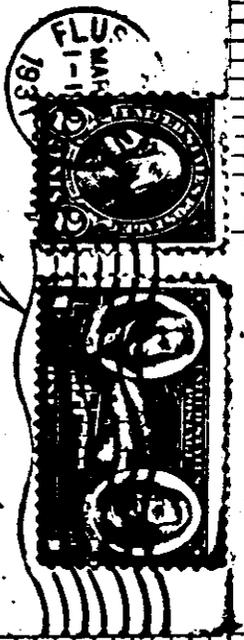
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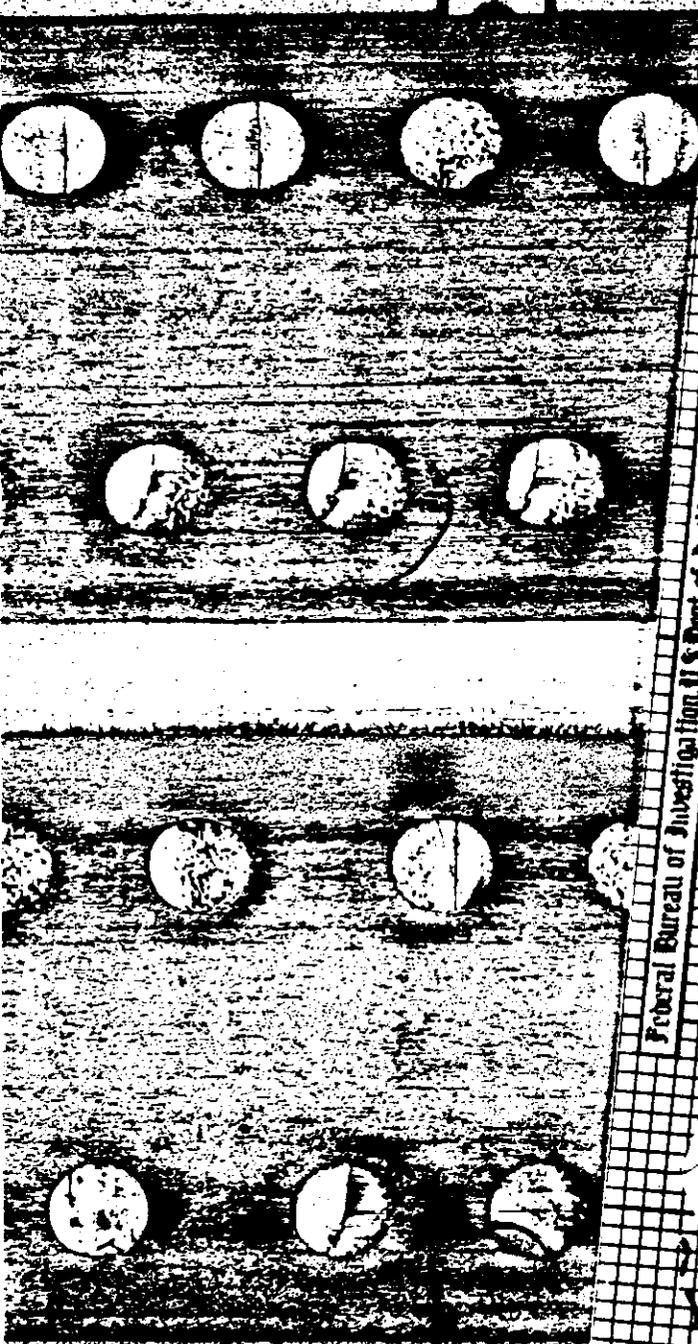
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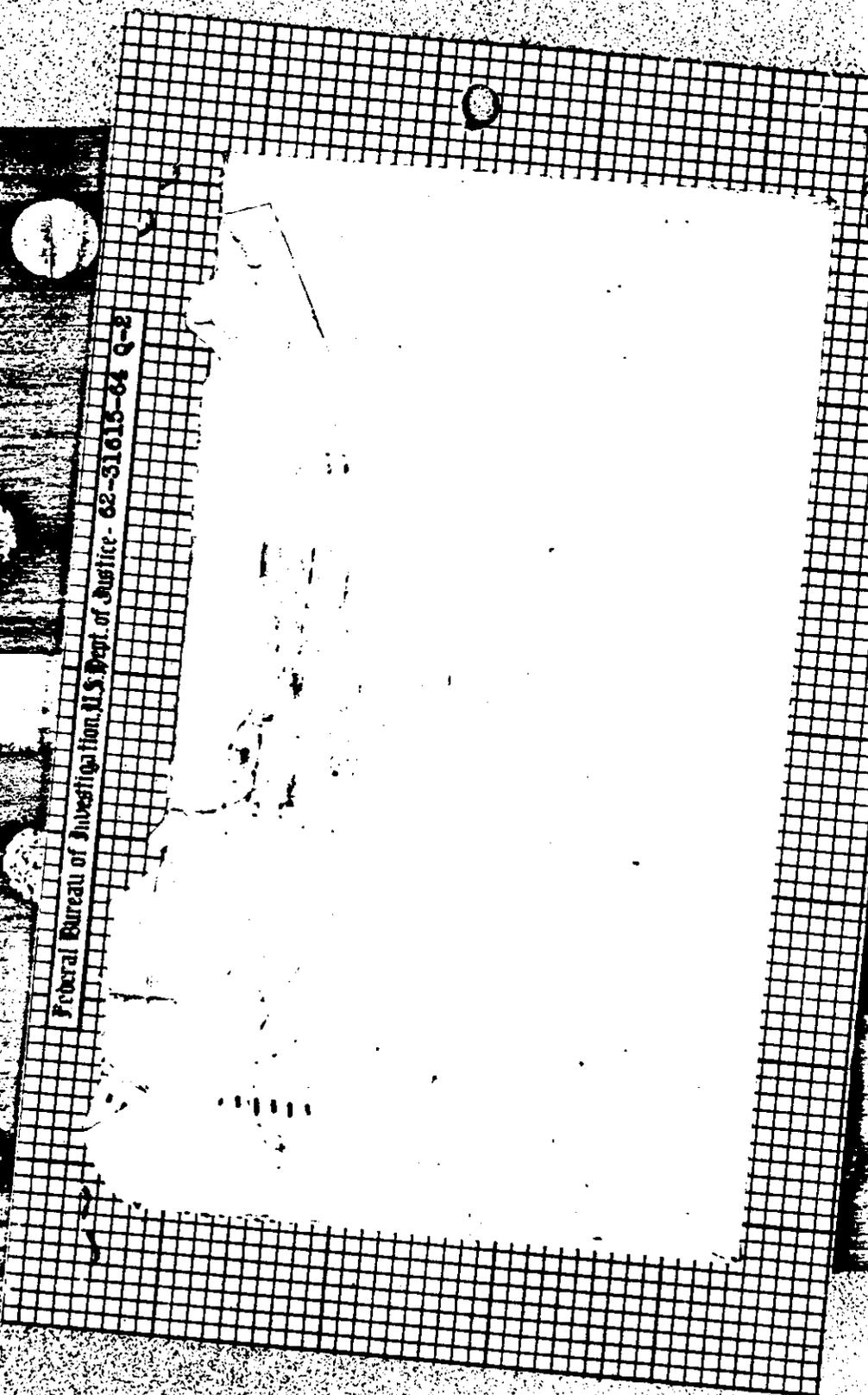
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Mrs. Walter Winchell  
of Daily Mirror,  
604 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
N. Y. City.





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To Mr. Hoover

Mr. W. Winchelsky: —

Kike - and you are one of the biggest of them all - it is the likes of you that will cause a clean out of Jews in the U. S. within 10 years, in less than that time in N.Y. City.

You think Hitler is bad - wait till the Americans for America and America only get started. The Mockeys who have ruined N.Y. City, Broadway Miami and everything good will find out that this isn't Jew York City ~~and~~ this Country isn't the Jew United States of America.

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(To Hoover)

April 17, 1937.

Dear Mr. Winchell,

And "Love and Kisses" to you for your final remark about a G-Man paying with his life for the mistake of a parole board.

I'm a young wife of a young policeman of this city with a year and a half child so you see why I feel as I do. How's this for a suggestion? Why not have the parole board consist of pensioned policeman. They risk their lives getting criminals why not let them decide if they are to go free to kill again?

[Redacted]

- Mr. Nathan
  - Mr. Tolson
  - Mr. Boardman
  - Mr. Clegg
  - Mr. Coffey
  - Mr. Egan
  - Mr. Foxworth
  - Mr. Glavin
  - Mr. Ladd
  - Mr. Nichols
  - Mr. Rosen
  - Mr. Tracy
  - Miss Gandy
- News*

(Forwarded by Walter Winchell)

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100 Hoover

April 17,

Dear Mr. Winchell

And "Love and Ki

To you for your kind  
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paying with the life for

the mistakes of a female

brand.

I'm a young wife of

a young problem of

this city report on

you and a half of

Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Dewey  
Mr. Egan  
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do you do why I  
feel as I do. How  
this your suggestion?  
I try not to do the  
whole brand consist  
of perceived problems.  
They risk their lives  
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they are to go free  
to kill or save

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MS  
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Mr. Walter Winchell,  
523 North Beverly Drive,  
Beverly Hills, California.

Dear Walter:-

Thanks for sending me the letter from [redacted] concerning your reference to the mistake of a parole board in connection with the death of Special Agent Baker. Her suggestion that parole boards consist of pensioned policemen is not a bad one. Certainly, on every parole board there should be a law-enforcement official with years of experience who probably would be better qualified to determine whether prisoners should be paroled than other persons who have not had the benefit of daily contact with criminals and their activities.

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[redacted] address did not appear in her letter and, consequently, I have not been able to write her directly.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Egan .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Coffey .....
- Mr. Dewey .....
- Mr. Egan .....
- Mr. Foxworth .....
- Mr. Glavin .....
- Mr. Ladd .....
- Mr. Nichols .....
- Mr. Rosen .....
- Mr. Tracy .....
- Miss Gandy .....

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TELETYPE

*with watermarked Bank of Boston New York*

FBI LOS ANGELES 4-18-37 5-30 PM EL

MR HOOVER PERSONAL EXPEDITE

PHONE. WINCHELL URGES YOU TO LISTEN TO HIS BROADCAST TONIGHT  
ESPECIALLY LAST LINE

HANSON

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Mr Hanson*

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April 26, 1937.

Mr. Walter Winchell,  
323 North Beverly Drive,  
Beverly Hills, California.

Dear Walter:-

I have been away from Washington and have just returned.

I did want you to know how much I appreciated your comments on the air on Sunday night, April 18th, with reference to the Baker case. I have heard many favorable remarks concerning your reference to the case and I am sure what you said has been helpful to us.

I was hopeful of seeing your picture in New York last Friday but, unfortunately, was unable to do so. I am looking forward to it and certainly shall let you know how it goes.

With all good wishes from Clyde and from me, I am

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Paul
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Dwyer
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
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- Miss Gandy

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

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April 26, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Walter Winchell, in his broadcast on the evening of Sunday, April 25, 1937, stated that J. Edgar Hoover, who had been criticized for the number of Agents used in the capture of Brunette in New York, and tired of his G-Men being shot by paroled convicts, was sponsoring a bill in Congress which would provide that persons on parole would report to the police rather than to politicians.

Respectfully,

*R. E. Joseph*  
R. E. Joseph

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Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

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MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

J. G. WILLIAMS  
PRESIDENT

SYMBOLS	
DL	Day Letter
NM	Night Message
NL	Night Letter
LC	Deferred Cable
NLT	Cable Night Letter
Ship Radiograms	

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This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable symbol above or preceding the address.

R. S. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

1937 APR 19 AM 9 32

Received at 215 East 45th Street, New York

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WALTER WINCHELL

DELIVER CARE DAILY MIRROR

REFER SPEECH & MAN HOOVER KANSASCITY SEPTEMBER TWENTY SECOND  
 PAST ORCHIDS TO YOU ON CLOSING COMMENTS TONIGHTS BROADCAST  
 STOP WHY NOT COMPEL PAROLE BOARDS WHO PAROLED SUEHY RUFÉ  
 CAFFREY COWLEY ETC TO SUPPORT THE FAMILIES OF THEIR VICTIMS  
 STOP THE PUBLIC IS WITH YOU

*Winchell*  
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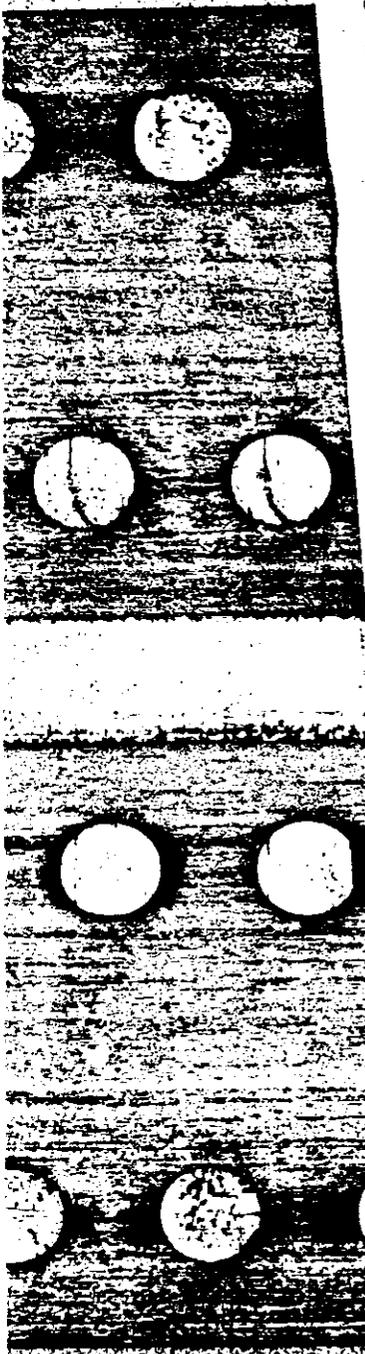
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Mr. Walter Winchell,  
523 North Beverly Drive,  
Beverly Hills, California.

Dear Walters:

Thank you for referring to me the  
telegram of April 18 from [redacted]  
[redacted] in connection with  
your broadcast.

I am writing to [redacted] today, ex-  
pressing my appreciation for the comments in his  
message to you.

With best wishes,

Cordially,

EMH:PED

- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Baughman .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Coffey .....
- Mr. Dewsey .....
- Mr. Egan .....
- Mr. Foxworth .....
- Mr. Glavin .....
- Mr. Harbo .....
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Dear [Redacted]

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Mr. Walter Winchell has referred to this Bureau your telegram of April 18, 1937, regarding his recent broadcast in connection with the death of Special Agent Winberly W. Baker of this Bureau.

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I want to express my appreciation for your thoughtfulness in communicating with Mr. Winchell as you did.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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- Mr. Nathan.....
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- Mr. Baughman.....
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- Mr. Coffey.....
- Mr. Dancy.....
- Mr. Egan.....
- Mr. Foxworth.....
- Mr. Glavin.....
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- Mr. Rosen.....
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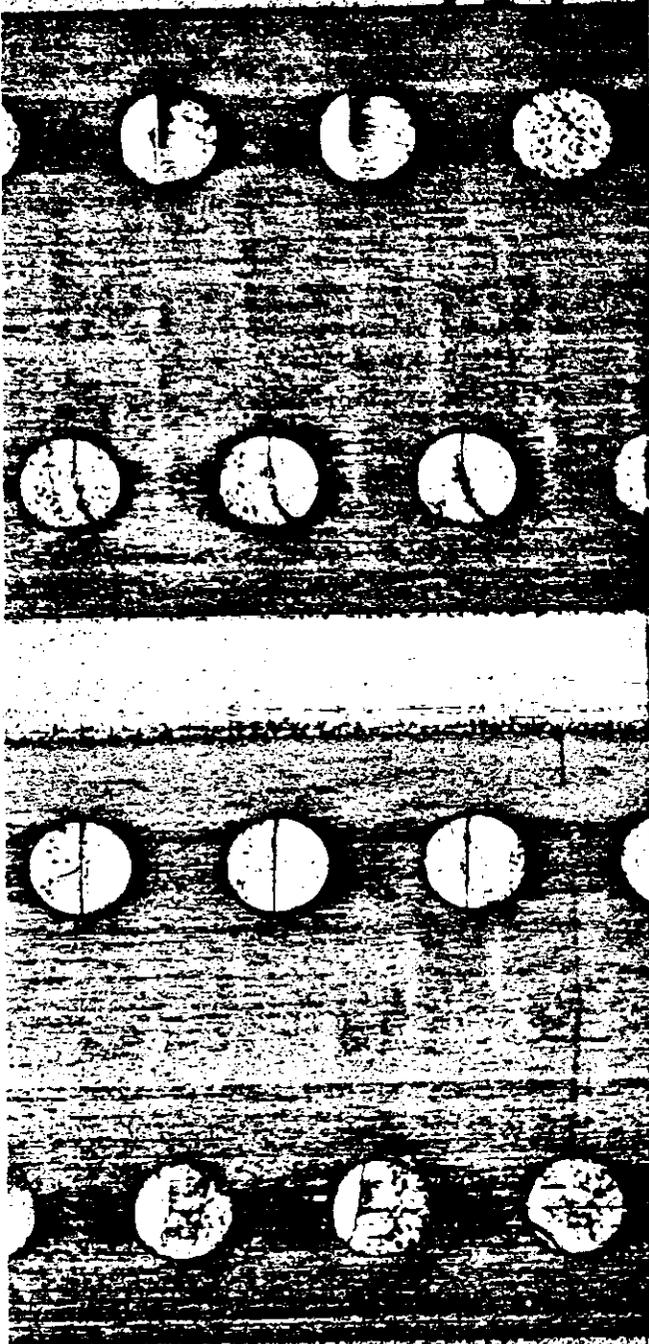
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Date May 3, 1937

Time 8:40

Name Walter Winchell

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Joseph
- Mr. Lester
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Interviewing Official  
 Summary: **ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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Walter Winchell in his radio broadcast on Sunday evening, May 3, 1937, stated that the reason for Melvin Purvis, a former G-Man, and Janice Jarrett not being married was a drug store executive in San Antonio.

In answer to a question of a correspondent, he stated that Inspector Cowley of the FBI had charge of the Dillinger case in Chicago and was sent on this assignment by Director Hoover. It was Inspector Cowley and not Melvin Purvis who killed John Dillinger. As a result of his activities in this case he met his death at the hands of "Baby Face" Nelson later on.

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 TRACY  
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Room 5250 5-17 1937.

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TO:  Director  
 Mr. Tolson  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Nathan  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Clegg  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Tamm  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Foxworth  
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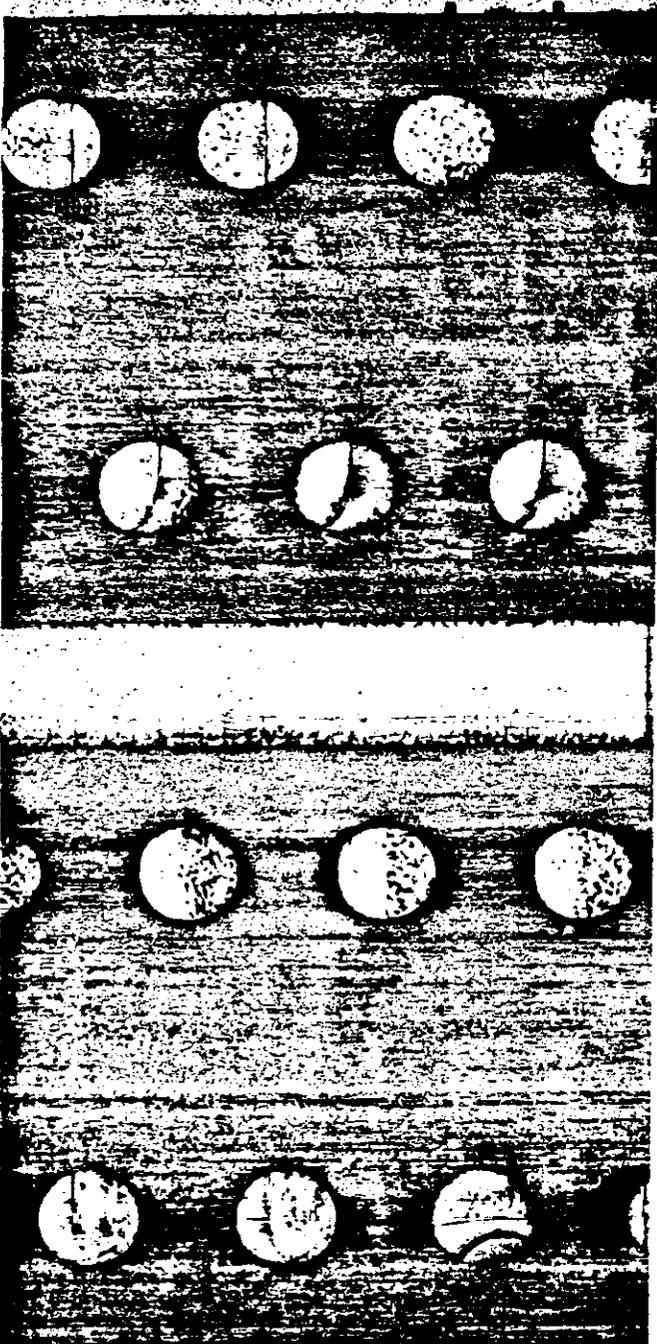
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 \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Tracy  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Glavin  
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_____ Mr. Hendon	_____ NOTE & RETURN
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_____ SEE ME	_____ ACTION

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Date May 17, 1937.

Time \_\_\_\_\_

Name Re: Walter Winchell.

Interviewing Official \_\_\_\_\_

Summary:

Walter Winchell in his broadcast May 16, 1937, stated that Sheriff Homer Sylvester will receive a scroll from the Governor of Nebraska next Thursday night, at which time a banquet is to be given for him.

Mr. Winchell also announced that Mr. Hoover stated 49 arrests had been made in White Slave Rings in Baltimore and in a short time similar raids are to be made in New York, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut, and then he will announce the higher-ups who are involved in the ring.

Respectfully submitted,

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Signature: J. H. Mathis  
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- Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Cowley \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Foxworth \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Joseph \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Lester \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Schilder \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

- Mr. Tolson
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- Mr. Harbo
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- Mr. Jones
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- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Schilder
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

TDQ:RCL

June 2, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

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Mr. ~~X~~Wrigley of the Universal Service telephoned stating he had just received a message from New York stating that Walter Winchell would like to have the Director write his column for one day while he was on vacation and Mr. Wrigley stated that he did not know what day would be designated nor when Mr. Winchell would go on leave, but would like to have the Director's reaction to this request, in order that he could advise the New York Office.

I told Mr. Wrigley that just as soon as Mr. Hoover returned to the city this would be called to his attention.

Respectfully,

*[Signature]*  
T. D. Quinn

*phone Wrigley on 4/8*

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CABLE ADDRESS: KINGSYN NEW YORK

235 EAST 45TH ST.  
NEW YORK CITY



ALL COMMUNICATIONS MUST BE  
ADDRESSED TO KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

# KING FEATURES SYNDICATE INC.

- Mr. Nathan ✓
- Mr. Tolson ✓
- Mr. Baughman .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Dewey .....
- Mr. Egan .....
- Mr. Foxworth .....
- Mr. Glavin .....
- Mr. Harbo .....
- Mr. Joseph .....
- Mr. Lester .....
- Mr. Nichols .....
- Mr. Quinn .....
- Mr. Schilder .....
- Mr. Tamm .....
- Mr. Tracy .....
- Miss Gandy ✓

June 2, 1937

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Walter Winchell is going on vacation for one month beginning the end of June. For thirty days his column is to be turned over to nationwide celebrities.

He has mentioned your name particularly, and asked that I invite you to write a guest column to be used during that time.

The contents of the column are left to your own good judgment and imagination. Twelve hundred words (five typewritten pages, double spaced) will complete a Winchell column.

Your column would appear simultaneously in many important newspapers throughout the country.

I would appreciate your acceptance and the column as soon as you can send it to me.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

*Dick Hyman*

Dick Hyman  
Publicity Director

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Mr. Dick Hyman,  
Publicity Director,  
King Features Syndicate,  
Incorporated,  
235 East 45th Street,  
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Hyman:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated June 2, 1937, in which you advise that Walter Winchell is going on a vacation for one month beginning the end of June, and requesting that I contribute a guest column for him during this period.

I take pleasure in advising that I shall be very glad to prepare this column and will forward same to you in the near future.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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- Mr. E.A. Tamm .....
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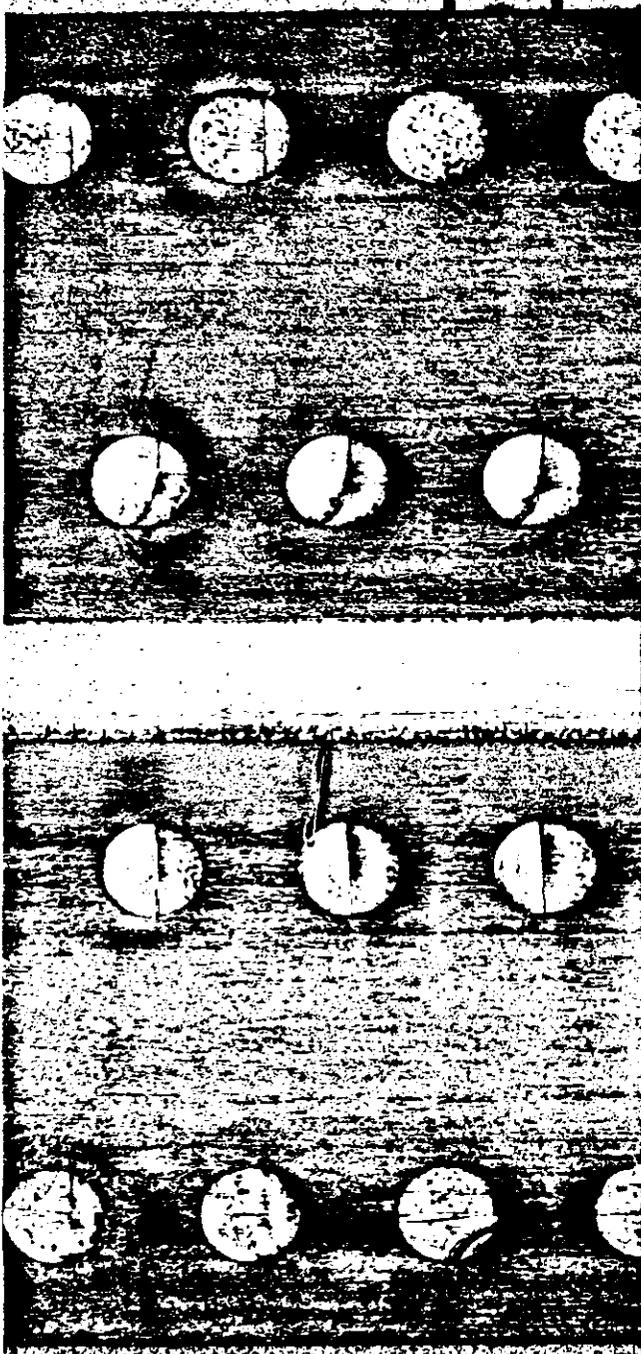
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Date June 27, 1937.

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Name Walter Winchell

- Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_
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Walter Winchell, in his broadcast of Sunday evening, June 27, 1937, stated that the defense attorneys in the case of John West Hunt, who is charged with transporting Delight Jewett in violation of the White Slave Traffic Act, would present startling testimony as they opened the defense during the coming week in Los Angeles.

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The New York Police have closed down their office at Stony Brook, from which place they had been operating while investigating the kidnaping of Mrs. Parsons, saying that they would class this among the unsolved cases.

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Signature: *J. J. Mathis*

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June 30, 1937.

Mr. Dick Hyman,  
Publicity Director,  
King Features Syndicate, Inc.,  
235 East 45th Street,  
New York City.

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Dear Mr. Hyman:-

I am pleased to enclose herewith an article for use in Mr. Walter Winchell's column which you requested by your letter of June 2, 1937.

It has been a pleasure to prepare this material for Mr. Winchell.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

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June 30, 1937.

DID YOU KNOW THAT?

by

John Edgar Hoover

Crimes of violence are on the increase.

There is a death by violence in the United States every forty minutes - a robbery every ten minutes - a burglary every two minutes - a case of larceny every forty-four seconds!

Crime costs the citizens of the United States the staggering sum of \$475 per second; \$28,500 per minute; \$1,710,000 per hour; \$41,095,890 per day; \$15,000,000,000 per year, or ten dollars per month for each man, woman, and child!

The greatest deterrent to crime is the knowledge by a prospective criminally inclined person that there will be sure detection, swift apprehension and certain and unflinching punishment.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation convicts 96 of every 100 persons it takes to trial.

The FBI was established in 1908, and investigates violations of over ninety different Federal statutes, covering a geographical area of 3,619,000 square miles.

It was not an offense under the laws of the United States to kill a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation until 1934. Prior to 1934 Special Agents were not authorized to carry firearms, or to make arrests.

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A felony is committed in this country every twenty-four seconds.

The fingerprint collection of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was begun in 1924, and is the largest and most complete in the world.

Sir R. R. Henry, late Commissioner of Police of Scotland Yard, London, England, devised a system of classifying fingerprints which he introduced in England in 1901.

Sing Sing Prison introduced fingerprinting for criminal identification in 1903. Fingerprinting was first used at the United States Prison, Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1904.

There are more than 7,500,000 fingerprints on file at the FBI in Washington, D. C. Over 11,000 law-enforcement organizations are submitting them from all sections of the United States. They are received at the rate of approximately 5000 daily. Eighty-one foreign countries, territories and American Possessions are exchanging criminal identification data. Over 500 fugitives from justice are identified each month through the use of the FBI fingerprint file.

A fingerprint record of a criminal can be located by the FBI experts in the collection of seven and a half million fingerprints within a period of two minutes!

There are 400,000 civil fingerprints on file in Washington, and 1,000 citizens daily add their prints to this collection. Amnesia victims are identified and returned to their relatives through the use of these files.

Several school children killed in the explosion of the New London, Texas, School, in 1937 whose identity could not otherwise be determined were identified by their fingerprints which they had taken at the Texas Centennial Exposition at Dallas the previous summer and placed on file.

A "Moniker" or nickname file of criminals is kept at the FBI. Such names as "Gate Mouth," "Butterfly Billie," "Am I Blue," "Get Back Sallie," "Butcher Knife Liz," "Dago Rose," and many others are found in these files. Criminals are frequently caught by the use of this "moniker" file.

We have an army of 200,000 persons in our nation who will take a human life before they die. Three hundred thousand persons going about their daily lives today believing themselves secure, will be their victims, and will be murdered at the rate of 36 every 24 hours.

In the last three years the Federal Bureau of Investigation has sent to penitentiaries over 12,000 enemies of society. The expense of conducting these investigations plus the expense of maintaining the FBI Technical Laboratory to assist the communities of the entire United States and also to conduct and carry on the central fingerprint repository, totaled twelve million dollars. Against this, in recoveries of stolen goods, in fines, and in monies saved the Government, eight dollars have been returned to the taxpayer for every one that has been expended. Over eighty million dollars appear on the profit side of the ledger resulting from the activities of the FBI during the past three years.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the time of their appointment must be between the ages of 25 and 35. They must be graduates of a recognized law school, expert accountants, or have had extensive law-enforcement experience. Only one out of each 1,000 applicants is appointed.

There are at this time 6% Special Agents in the FBI who are assigned to the forty-seven field divisions located at strategic points in the United States, in Alaska, Puerto Rico, and Hawaii.

A fourteen weeks intensive training course is given each Special Agent when he is appointed. He must qualify as a marksman in the use of all types of guns. Eighty-four per cent are experts. A Special Agent must be able to take and classify fingerprints. He also must be able to search the prints of a suspect through the Bureau's files containing over 7,500,000 fingerprints. He can determine if a spot on a man's clothes is blood. He can tell which side the blow came from that broke a window. He can tell whether a shot came from a particular gun. He can tell the number of a gun which has been filed away. He can sometimes read "invisible" writing. He can pick out the typewriter that wrote the ransom note. He can identify the handwriting of an extortionist. He can tell what is in a box before it is opened. He can reproduce his hand or face in life-like appearance by the use of mouldage. He can tell what type of bullet killed a man. He can tell what kind of tire left the track at the scene of a crime. He can take guns apart and assemble them in the dark.

Seventy-six per cent of the Special Agents hold one or more university degrees. They speak fluently one or more of 21 foreign languages. They have had experience in over 100 different trades, industries, businesses, sciences, and professions. One hundred and ninety-three Special Agents have two college degrees or more.

A magnetic blackboard is used in the FBI training school to study raid problems. Metallic houses, trees, cars and men adhere to the blackboard when it is in a perpendicular position.

In a ten-day period in May, 1936, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, William Dainard, and Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., notorious kidnapers, were all apprehended without the firing of a shot by Special Agents.

The average man who receives a life sentence for murder remains behind the bars only ten years; the average time served by a prisoner who has been convicted of murder is less than four years.

With one exception, every Special Agent killed by gunfire has lost his life at the hands of a paroled convict! The other one was killed by an escaped convict.

Seventeen per cent of all our crime is committed by persons of less than voting age.

Statistics show that crime flourishes in any community where police departments are undermanned, where they are poorly equipped, where they have insufficient pay and insufficient incentive to do their duty. Crime likewise diminishes when public sentiment, freedom from corrupt politics and the support of proper appropriations give to a

law-enforcement body weapons which it must and should have if it is to properly combat the ravages of crime.

There were 1,333,526 major crimes committed in the United States in 1936. In addition, over fourteen million minor crimes are committed each year, not including traffic violations.

The crime army in the United States today marshals in its forces more than 4,300,000 criminals. Seven hundred thousand of these committed crimes prior to the time they were twenty-one years of age.

The facilities of the FBI Crime Laboratory are available to all law-enforcement agencies without cost, and technical experts will testify to their findings in state courts without expense to local authorities. In fifteen months time, there were examined 2,049 ransom, extortion and threatening letters. Over 235,530 examples and specimens were compared with this number of letters. Experts are available to analyze any type of evidence which may be found at the scene of a crime.

Besides conducting technical investigations in current cases, the technicians of the FBI engage in research to develop new techniques for the solution of crime and to study methods and practices in use by police departments to effect constructive improvement.

The formula for effective law-enforcement is simple. One needs only the ingredients of honesty and determination, of integrity, of education and intelligence plus freedom to proceed and hard work.

Criminality exists usually because some law-enforcement body has failed. And that law-enforcement body usually has failed because the persons behind it, the citizen himself, has failed. Therefore, only cooperation can bring success. The goal of that success is eradication of concerted and professional criminality.

"FBI" stands not only for Federal Bureau of Investigation, but also for its motto - "Fidelity-Bravery-Integrity."

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. \_\_\_\_\_  
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235 East 45th. St.  
New York City,

KING FEATURES SYNDICATE INC.

July 1, 1937.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

May we still count on your guest column  
for Walter Winchell? The guest columns  
started running this morning.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

(s) Dick Hyman  
Publicity Director

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Mr. Dick Hyman,  
Publicity Director,  
King Features Syndicate,  
Incorporated,  
235 East 45th. Street,  
New York City, New York.

Dear Mr. Hyman:

Your letter of July 1, 1937, has been received, in which you make reference to the article which I was asked to prepare for Mr. Walter Winchell's column.

No doubt by this time you have received my letter of June 30, 1937, transmitting the article in question.

With best wishes and kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

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DEPARTMENT OF POLICE  
1200 Clark Ave.

July 19, 1957.

City of St. Louis, Mo.

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

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My dear Director:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of July 16, 1957, accompanying which was copy of an address on "Graduates of the FBI National Police Academy," which you recently delivered. I thank you for the courtesy which prompted the gift and promise you a careful reading of the paper when time permits.

You might be interested in knowing that the St. Louis Post-Dispatch recently carried a column under your signature wherein you pinch-hit for Walter Winchell. I was among the numerous St. Louisans to read and enjoy the article.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted Signature]

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 Miss Gandy  
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235 East 45th St.  
New York City

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July 27, 1937

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

COMMEMORATION

We are getting ready to launch a nationwide news-  
paper contest for the boys and girls of America  
promoting the idea that the policeman is their  
"Public Friend Number One".

This contest will be syndicated to all the news-  
papers that feature Ad Carter's "Just Kids" comic  
strip.

You may remember Ad Carter as the comic artist,  
who nine years ago organized the "Just Kids Safety  
Club" campaign with 9,000,000 youthful members.

Each newspaper will run its own local contest and  
offer its own local prizes. For the two National  
Grand Prizes to be offered in this contest (the  
winners to be selected from the local prize winners)  
we would like to bring a boy and girl winner to  
Washington for a complete tour of the Federal  
Bureau of Investigation, with yourself named as  
guide and host.

I am enclosing a copy of the promotion stories  
on this contest, so that you can obtain a clear  
picture of what we plan to do

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover

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July 27, 1937

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We sincerely hope that you will help this worthwhile youth movement and will OK the Grand Prize which we wish to grant to the two winners. King Features will take care of all expenses involved.

As we want to prepare this contest immediately, would you be so kind as to let me hear from you by return mail?

Incidentally, we have had much nice comment on the guest column you did for Walter Winchell.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

/s/ Dick Hyman

Publicity Director

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August 3, 1937.

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Mr. Dick Hyman,  
Publicity Director,  
King Features Syndicate, Inc.,  
235 East 45th Street,  
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Hyman:

I have received your letter dated July 27, 1937,  
regarding the nationwide newspaper contest that you are about  
to launch for the purpose of promoting the idea that the  
policeman is "Public Friend Number One" of the boys and girls  
of America.

This contest, I believe, has great merit. One of the  
most encouraging signs of the times which I have noticed  
during the past couple of years has been the changing attitude  
on the part of our youth. They have turned from the morbid  
sentimentalism of gangster glorification which was rampant  
a few years ago to idealizing law enforcement officers. I  
believe that such a contest will render a very constructive  
service to the cause of more effective law enforcement through-  
out the United States.

I, of course, will be delighted to have a small  
part in this contest and I shall certainly consider it a  
privilege to meet the winners of the contest and have them  
given a personally conducted tour through the offices of the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation. I shall watch your contest  
with interest.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Walter Winchell,  
719 North Maple Drive,  
Beverly Hills, California.

Dear Walter:-

I wanted you to know how much I enjoyed seeing you again when I was on the West Coast recently. I had been looking forward for a long time to seeing something of your work and it was very kind of you and the other officials of the Twentieth Century-Fox Studios to show us about the place. I feel sure that your picture will be a big hit and I want to wish you every success in it. Please let us hear from you once in a while.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Crowl
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Glavin
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

November 3, 1937

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Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Crowl	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Foxworth	.....
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~~Personal and Confidential~~

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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ON 8/21/84

Dear Sir

I desire to advise that the writer received a telegram from Walter Winchell on Sunday, October 31, 1937, advising that he was arriving in Chicago on the Santa Fe Chief on November 1st at 1:30 P. M.

Accordingly, Special Agents J. W. Coulter, S. M. Wolf and G. H. Wilson met Mr. Winchell and arranged to take care of him between trains in Chicago. He left for New York on the Broadway Limited of the Pennsylvania Railway on November 1st at 4:30 P. M.

I thought that you might be interested in knowing that Mr. Winchell had been cared for in Chicago.

Very truly yours

*D. M. Ladd*  
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Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

JHM:AEM

November 22, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NICHOLS

Walter Winchell in his broadcast of November 21, 1937, stated that the Sheriff out in Clark, South Dakota who had released two suspects only later to find that they were Buchalter and Shapiro, wanted fugitives, were in fact later found not to be these two individuals.

He further stated that the Attorney General announced there would be no quibbling about the payment of the rewards of \$2000 to Mirra and \$4000 to Whiteford, the two men who gave the location of the escaped prisoners in the O'Connell kidnaping case. He also stated that Governor Hoffman was waiting until all the claimants for the \$25,000 reward money were received before he designated the individuals who were entitled to this money. At the present time there are twenty-nine claimants. Mr. Winchell was of the opinion that there were only three he would consider proper claimants, namely Lyons and Lyle, filling station attendants, and Strong, the cashier at the Coin Exchange Bank, who identified the money.

District Attorney Pitts, Los Angeles, has announced that he is making war on all of the racketeer visitors to Los Angeles from New York.

Mr. Winchell addressed a statement to the Governor of Ohio advising him that two of the three kidnapers of Doctor Seder were paroled last July in the Ohio State Prison.

Respectfully,

*J. H. Mathis*  
J. H. Mathis.

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THE FLINT JOURNAL

Daily and Sunday

Flint, Michigan

Jan. 24, 1938.

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

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Dear Sir:

In my 18 years as a newspaperman,  
and in particular the last few years since  
the FBI has come into such prominence, and  
justly so, I have held the bureau in high  
regard, and I believe all newspapermen  
have felt the same.

In fact, it probably wouldn't be  
an exaggeration to say that the press of the  
country has had much to do with this rise  
of the FBI, and possibly has had something  
to do with some of its successes.

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However, one thing cannot pass without

comment. Your action of Sunday in giving Winchell

the Dean DiMaggio angle is about the louisist

stunt I have run across, particularly when you

followed that up in the Associated Press account

*Walter Winchell  
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with "No comment. What Winchell said is correct."  
After Winchell had it, couldn't you have at least  
"commented" for the benefit of the press?

Actions like this undoubtedly will  
cause the press to regard you as a man who  
is exceedingly fond of publicity, and such  
a person is looked upon with disdain by the  
profession. All newspapermen ( and this  
excepts Winchell, who no longer is a news-  
paperman, if he ever was one ) must drop  
you a peg, or several pegs, in their esti-  
mation. Hereafter, I, for one, cannot re-  
gard the FBI, or, to be more specific, its  
present director, as typical of something  
fine, as one who is thinking of the country  
as a whole, instead of thinking how fast he  
can get from Chicago to New York to give  
Winchell a piece of news to scatter between  
his vile scandalmongering.

Yours truly,



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The Flint Journal,  
Flint, Michigan.

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Dear [Redacted]

I received your letter of January 24, 1938, and merely to set you straight as to the facts concerning what you consider to be a Winchell scoop, you are advised that I confirmed to Winchell a tip which Winchell had already received concerning the Dean angle of the Ross kidnaping case. At no time did the Associated Press or any other press association contact me following the Winchell broadcast for a comment. The following morning, namely, Monday morning, I personally called my Washington Office and was informed that inquiry had been made of the official in charge of public relations in the Attorney General's Office by some of the press associations as to whether the story which Winchell had related over the air was true, and I informed the official in charge of public relations that he could state that the Ross kidnaper had informed me that plans had been discussed to kidnap Dizzy Dean, but the plans had been dropped because of the fact that it was believed the Cardinals would not pay the ransom that might be demanded. So you will see that there was no preconceived plan upon my part to give Winchell a scoop, and certainly no statement was made by me subsequently to any newspaper man for the reason that I was not questioned by any press association.

I am merely writing this letter to you, not to try to change your opinion of me in any way, because from the venomous tone of your letter it is obvious that your personal views toward me are prejudiced against me, but I did think that you should have before you the facts. For any one to reach the conclusion that you have reached, that I or any one else who had been up without sleep for over seven days and nights, suffering physical hardships at times almost beyond human endurance, would have rushed on to New York solely to contact a columnist for a news flash, reflects a perverted type of mind that is beyond my conception.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Mr. J. C. Newman,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 2118,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am inclosing herewith, for your information, a copy of a letter which I have just addressed to [redacted] the Flint, Michigan, Journal, together with a copy of a letter dated January 24, 1938, addressed to me by [redacted] in connection with the Ross kidnaping case, which are self-explanatory.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thanks very much for your prompt reply to my letter. Perhaps I should have waited a day or two before writing that, because, as you "intimate," I no doubt was considerably "hot up" on the subject of the Winchell broadcast, which scooped the nation's press (except Winchell's newspaper.)

I realize that friendship must carry its obligations, and perhaps this is true in the newspaper business to a greater extent than in many other professions, but I do maintain that a public official such as yourself is obligated NOT to play favorites. The proper place for the announcement of Seadlund's plot against Dean and DiMaggio was in St. Paul, or Chicago, when other statements were being made. As for going without sleep over a long period of time, etc., I sympathize heartily, because I have suffered the same experiences, but I doubt whether I would have felt in such shape as to be present in a broadcasting studio, which the United Press reports you were for the Winchell broadcast.

I am enclosing an AP story which came thru the following morning, which, apparently, follows your presence in the Studio with Winchell, which according to the wire story even precedes the fact that you notified your own bureau of the Seadlund story.

However, it's all under the bridge, and, so far as I am concerned, forgotten, at least until it happens again, when I probably will feel that I should write to you again.

With best wishes for your continued success, and I heartily mean it,

Sincerely,

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April 27, 1938.

Time: 12:42 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

RE: Walter Winchell.

Mr. Earhard, Managing Editor of the Washington Times, telephoned and stated that Walter Winchell was going to be in Washington May 10 and 11; that he was planning a series of entertainments for Mr. Winchell and wondered if there was anything that I could suggest to help out along this line. I stated that Mr. Winchell had been through the FBI previously but that he had told me that he wanted to go through the Bureau again; that if there was anything that I could do to put on a show for him here I would be very glad to do it. Mr. Earhard stated that he would bring Mr. Winchell down to the Bureau on the afternoon of May 11. Mr. Earhard stated that he would send me an invitation to a luncheon that he was going to give for Mr. Winchell.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Mr. Andrew Jergens,  
The Jergens Company,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Jergens:-

I wanted to let you know how much I appreciate the support which the Federal Bureau of Investigation has received through The Jergens Journal conducted by Mr. Walter Winchell.

In several important matters in which this Bureau has been vitally interested, Mr. Winchell has materially aided us in the work which we are trying to do by calling attention to these matters over your program. This assistance has been rendered in connection with our efforts to secure pensions for the widows of Special Agents of this Bureau who have lost their lives in line of duty and in securing retirement privileges for our Special Agents and in calling attention to the need of this Bureau for funds with which to carry on its activities. The enthusiastic support which this Bureau has received through The Jergens Journal has been most helpful to us and it is gratifying to know that our work has been such as to merit the approval of the officials of the Jergens Company and of Mr. Winchell.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Baughman .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Coffey .....
- Mr. Crowl .....
- Mr. Dawson .....
- Mr. Egan .....
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Record of Telephone Call or Visitor.

May 11 1938.

Time 10:55 AM  
Name Miss Winchell, tele.

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Baughman
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Crowl
- Mr. Downey
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hottel
- Mr. Kleinharf
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. McIntire
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Pennington

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Asked to speak with the Director and when advised that the Director was not in, she stated that she was all ready to go. She was advised that someone would call for her right away.

The writer contacted Mr. McSwain in this connection and Mr. McSwain stated that he will go for Miss Winchell immediately.

*writer - Winchell*

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Officer Cunningham stopped me in the hallway and stated he has been assigned to Mr. Winchell as his escort.

He said he has only managed to get glimpses of Mr. Winchell so far and has been hunting for him for hours. Said he heard he was supposed to come down here this afternoon to see Mr. Hoover and he wanted to know if he had arrived. I told him I had not seen Mr. Winchell.

He said he was going to keep on trying to keep up with him to escort him.

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*written o Winchell*

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- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Rauchman
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Crowl
- Mr. Danner
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. McGuire
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy



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- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Baughman
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- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Crowl
- Mr. Doherty
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
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- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Lester
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- Mr. Nease
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

6:30pm

Mr. McSwain returned and advised he is to call for Walter Winchell and daughter at 6:15 at the Shoreham. They will be at the Capitol until 9:30 pm with Mrs. Patterson until the winner is selected.

Mr. Winchell wanted Mr. Hoover advised that his secretary telephoned from New York and advised that telegrams and messages were pouring in re success of fight for more money for the FBI. He instructed her to send a telegram to IPANA Co. advising that the fight had been successful and that IPANA had been an element in the constructive work.

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W. Winchell

Twentieth Century-Fox Film Corporation  
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BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA

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

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[redacted] is S/A applicant. He failed to qualify in test given him Dec. 1934. Recommendation unfavorable.  
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*W. Winchell*  
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Dear [Redacted]

I am glad to advise you that your finger-  
prints taken when you were in Washington recently  
have been placed in the Bureau's civil files.

For your information the classification  
assigned to this fingerprint card is

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With my very best wishes and kindest  
regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Walter W. ...*

- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tamm .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Coffey .....
- Mr. Dawson .....
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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

On May 28, 1938, [redacted] of the Daily News, a newspaper reporter by the name of [redacted] of the Herald Tribune; she named [redacted] of the World Telegram, and [redacted] of the New York Times called at this office and brought with them a clipping from the Daily Mirror regarding the story written by WALTER WINCHELL dated May 28, 1938, captioned "Many Spy Case Witness Flees". This refers to the flight of witness WERNER G. GUDENBERG.

The reporters were incensed that Mr. WINCHELL should have received this information before the reporters who cover this building. At the time they called, I was not present, and Special Agent (A) Nathan Frankel prepared a memorandum for me. I have since talked to them and explained, of course, that we do not know how WALTER WINCHELL gets his information. They advised that it was their understanding that it was furnished by the Director of the Bureau. They were told emphatically that we, of course, had no such information and, as far as the Director was concerned, he of course had always tried to be absolutely fair with all members of the press, and I again impressed them with the fact that certain newspapers have certain sources of information and that apparently WALTER WINCHELL has a source of information, but certainly it was not a representative of the Bureau.

Since that time, of course, these men have all called at the office and are in good spirits again.

I thought I would let you know about this matter.

Respectfully,

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R. E. VETTERLI  
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION US DEPT OF JUSTICE  
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DEAR JOHN

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Mr. Walter Winchell,  
115 Central Park West,  
New York, New York.

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Dear Walter:

I wanted to acknowledge your telegram of May 20, 1938, and tell you that I appreciate sincerely the motives which prompted you to send an article to the National Broadcasting Company executives concerning their omission from a recent broadcast of yours a statement concerning the background of my position as Director of the Bureau. Since our personal discussions during my visit to New York, I feel the other matter mentioned in your telegram has been satisfactorily adjusted.

It was a genuine pleasure to see you in New York on several occasions and I am looking forward again to an early visit with you.

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
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Sincerely,

John Edgar Hoover

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DAILY AND SUNDAY

235 EAST 45TH STREET  
MURRAY HILL, N.Y. 10001

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

June 24, 1938

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Mr. Winchell asked me to send you the  
attached.

sincerely,

*Rose Byrum*  
for Walter Winchell

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Dear Walter,

b-6 [redacted] is telling his intimates (and none of this stuff can e from me, as if you didn't know and as if I needs must repeat it everytim that he will horsehip you if J. Edgar Hoover runs that mag piece about telephone call to [redacted] breaking the kidnap story. He also will write a reply in which he will attack the G-Men, who, he says, "no comment everybody to death on legitimate news stories" and hide behind secrecy to be established for the ends of justice--until J. Edgar Hoover, who he call The Chief of the Junior G-men (and identify as a publicist, author policeman) runs into you in a night club, and then hands everything over a silver platter. He will try to show, he tells his friends, that suppress of news goes on, like in a dicator's backyard, and then that news, which sh be free, is retailed to friendship bidders. (The way newspapermen have b getting news since presses were invented.) And he will say that his tac were necessitated by the FBI's habit of saying nothing at all times, and deliberately misleading whenever possible. I thought you knew [redacted] Walter, and I am surprised at what he has been saying here and there. Per haps he doesn't mean it, maybe he is kidding, but it is tough stuff to be dishing out to reporters, who, like me, are accepting it as what he actual means to do.

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Mr. Walter Winchell  
115 Central Park West  
New York, New York

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Dear Walter:

I have received the note written by Rose Sigman on June 24, 1938, transmitting a communication to you which advises of the threats being made by the newspaper man who placed a telephone call to [redacted] and represented that he was the kidnaper of [redacted]

I certainly have absolutely no fear of anything that this dog in the ranks of newspaper man may think, do, say or threaten. Moreover, I am confident that you feel the same way I do about this individual and, consequently, I do not intend to pull my punches when the time is right for the expose of this nefarious malpractice of the art of journalism to the public.

I want you to know that I do appreciate your bringing to my attention these data concerning the attitude of this pornographer.

Sincerely yours,

- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tamm .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Coffey .....
- Mr. Crowl .....
- Mr. Dawsey .....
- Mr. Egan .....
- Mr. Foxworth .....
- Mr. Glavin .....
- Mr. Harbo .....
- Mr. Lester .....
- Mr. McIntire .....
- Mr. Nichols .....
- Mr. Tracy .....
- Miss Gandy .....

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Mr. Walter Winchell,  
New York Daily Mirror,

62-24-38  
Washington, D.C.,  
June 16, 1938.

- Mr. Tolson ✓
- Mr. Nathan ✓
- Mr. Tamm ✓
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Crowl
- Mr. Dewey
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. McIntire
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Tracy ✓
- Miss Gandy ✓

To Hoover

Dear Mr. Winchell:

In fairness to the public who pays the expenses of J. Edgar Hoover's out-  
you reply over the radio Sunday night to one question:

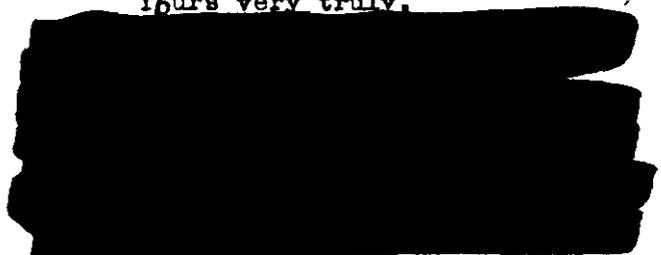
If Mr. Hoover is acting in good faith, why didnt he solve or attempt to solve the case of the Negro who was kidnapped in the State of Gerogia, and taken across the Florida State line, tortured and murdered by a mob? Why (to add another question) has he so consistently ignored this case, although it was clearly under his jurisdiction, as an interstate crime and as a violation of the Lindbergh law?

Unless he can clear this mystery up, it appears obvious that he is concentrating on the Dillingers and other who after all affect most of hardly any, and ignoring the crimes whose solution is not desirable for political reasons.

I understand that you are a Jew, Mr. Winchell. If so, as a member of that persecuted race, you should have enough sympathy for the Negro race, much more persecuted than the Jews, to give them a fair break on this matter of Hoover and the Georgia-Florida murder.

This is a fair question and deserves a fair question, and many in Washington will will waiting for your answer.

Yours very truly,



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Walter Winchell

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Mr. Walter Winchell  
115 Central Park West  
New York, New York

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Dear Walters:

I am in receipt of the letter  
dated June 16, 1938, addressed to you by  
[redacted]  
which you have referred to me.

Please be advised that from the  
information contained in [redacted] letter,  
I am unable to locate the case to which he re-  
fers.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Cordially,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc Washington

- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tamm .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Coffey .....
- Mr. Crowl .....
- Mr. Dawsey .....
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July 12, 1938

Mr. Walter Winchell  
115 Central Park West  
New York, New York

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Dear Walter:

I want you to know how much I enjoyed the article in the July 11, 1938, issue of Time regarding your career and phenomenal success.

It is, of course, hardly necessary for me to tell you how highly deserved this article is because you know what my true feelings are toward you. The past few years have been most hectic as you know in connection with my official duties; nevertheless the interest which you have taken in our problems and your personal friendship have been encouraging and have made life much more worth-while. I was very happy indeed to see the manner in which Time devoted nearly three pages to the accomplishments of your life which is most unusual for this magazine which is noted for its brevity.

With expressions of my highest esteem and admiration,

Cordially,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Chicago, Illinois

August 9, 1938

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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ON 8/21/84

Dear Sir

Confirming telephonic conversation with Assistant Director  
S. A. TOLSON on the evening of August 8, 1938, relative to  
an article appearing in a column carried by WALTER WINCHELL  
in various papers throughout the country, relative to the  
threatening letter received by SHIRLEY TEMPLE, I desire to  
advise that Agent [redacted] was questioned carefully with respect  
to this matter by the writer and he advised that he had at  
no time furnished any information to any newspaper reporters  
or any other individual, nor had he discussed instant case  
outside of the Bureau Office. A statement to this effect was  
obtained from Agent [redacted] and is being forwarded herewith to  
the Bureau.

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In connection with the story appearing in WINCHELL's column,  
it might be noted that same originally appeared in his column  
in the Chicago American on August 1, 1938, a copy of which  
was forwarded to the Bureau. Subsequently, on August 5, 1938  
in the Chicago Daily News there was a story indicating that  
SHIRLEY TEMPLE was again in Chicago on her way to the west  
coast and that her mother had denied knowing anything about  
the alleged kidnap story to the local reporters. A copy of  
this article likewise was forwarded to the Bureau. Subsequently,  
on August 8, 1938, in the Chicago American appeared the latest  
story by WALTER WINCHELL in which he states that the letter  
was received on "June 20 - ask G-man Wenicks of Chicago."

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It would appear from a review of the entire situation that  
either the TEMPLES or their business manager must have referred  
to this matter during the time they are known to have visited  
WINCHELL in New York, which was subsequent to their visit  
in Chicago and that in discussing it they had mentioned the  
name of the Agent who had contacted Mrs. TEMPLE and the  
business manager with respect to this matter.

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I feel positive that neither Agent [redacted] nor any other Agent  
in this Office has discussed this matter outside of the Office.

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AND FIELD OFFICES  
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Very truly yours

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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August 4, 1946

**MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE**

**E. H. LANE**

**RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
GERTRUDE WEAVER, Victim  
KIDNAPING**

This is to inform that Special Agent [redacted] has not discussed instant case with anyone outside of the Chicago Bureau Office. Most certainly has he not discussed this matter with any newspaper man and particular has he not discussed the matter with WALTER WINCHELL.

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Respectfully submitted,

[redacted]  
Special Agent

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UNSUB. MRS. GERTRUDE ~~TEMPLES~~ <sup>WALTER</sup> VIKKY. AGENT [REDACTED] HAS NOT DISCUSSED INSTANT CASE OUTSIDE OF BUREAU OFFICE, HAS AT NO TIME FURNISHED INFORMATION REGARDING THIS OR ANY OTHER CASE TO WINCHELL OR ANY PRESS REPRESENTATIVE. INSTANT CASE ORIGINALLY REPORTED CHICAGO OFFICE BY SHIRLEY ~~TEMPLES~~ BUSINESS MANAGER, IT IS BELIEVED HE OR THE ~~TEMPLES~~ WHEN WITH WINCHELL IN NEW YORK MENTIONED INSTANT CASE WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR NEWS ARTICLES CARRYING AGENTS NAME INCORRECTLY.

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Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Cowley	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. McGuire	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Aug., 12 1938

Mr. J. E. Hoover  
 Dept., Of Justice (F. B. I.)  
 Washington,  
 D. C.

Dear Sir:

I realize that you people must be very busy, so if you do not have time to answer this letter just pass it over as a "G-Man Fan" letter.

I would like to ask a few questions about F. B. I. service.

1. Who may enter the service, and how?
2. How much education must one have to enter the lowest branch of the service?
3. Are there chances for one to enter a Dept., Of Justice School to qualify himself for service with the F. B. I. ?

I would like to add that I really enjoyed your writings in "Walter Winchell's Column"!

Yours truly,

*[Redacted signature]*

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Dear [Redacted]

In reply to your communication dated August 12, 1938, you are advised that the investigative work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice is performed by Special Agents, whose basic qualifications for appointment are reflected in the enclosed statement.

There is also enclosed a statement outlining the qualifications necessary for appointment to clerical positions in this Bureau. Persons possessing the requisite qualifications for appointment in the service are furnished application blanks upon request.

I hope the enclosed booklet entitled "The Selection and Training of Personnel" will be of interest to you. As you will note from this booklet, only regularly appointed Special Agents are permitted to attend the training school conducted by this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tamm .....
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- Mr. Coffey .....
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