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May 4, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This is just a note to express my appreciation and to congratulate you on your splendid talk at the Dutch Treat Club on last Tuesday. The impression which you made was really most astonishing one. Rarely have I seen that hard-boiled crowd rise to its feet in tribute at the finish of a talk. And I have heard many, many compliments in the last week.

With this also goes my congratulations on the capture of Karpis. It was a beautiful job, splendidly executed and managed.

Sincerely yours,

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SB: CD
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
B. F. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Just a few lines to tell you for myself what every patriotic and law-abiding American citizen must feel in regard to the capture of Darrow.

Because of the highly efficient functioning of the Federal Bureau of Investigation under your direction, one more conspicuous public enemy has been caught and is on his way to deserved punishment.

It is not merely because, through the relations between my office and your office, I have been able to observe the efficiency of your organization more closely than it has been possible for most Americans to observe it, that I have so high an appraisal of what you have accomplished. It is merely that I have observed what thousands of Americans have had an opportunity to observe. Americans as a whole feel, with complete warrant, far safer than they did a few years ago; and they know where the credit is due.

My sincere congratulations and best wishes to you, to Mr. Quin, to Mr. Folsom, and to the other organization members whom I have the pleasure of knowing.

Very truly,

[Signature]

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May 7, 1936

Mr. J. W. Adams,
Division Manager,
American Telephone and Telegraph Co.,
725 Thirteenth Street, Northwest,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Adams:

Thank you very much indeed for your kind letter of May 4th, with respect to the apprehension of Alvin Karpis by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I deeply appreciate your commendatory statements relative to the work of this Bureau. It is a source of much gratification to know that public spirited citizens such as yourself take an interest in what we are trying to do to curb organized crime throughout the country. It was very good of you to write to me.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.
Dear Dr. Hoover:

Read in the morning papers of the capture of Alvin Kahr.

My hearty congratulations on your good work. That boosts the prestige of the Bureau of Investigation higher still. That is the answer to the threatening letter he sent you last year. You beat him to the draw. More power to you by the good man.

Sincerely,

(Rev) Columbian Kelly, O.F.M.
May 8, 1936

Reverend Colman P. Kelly, O.F.M.,
Mount Alverno Retreat,
Harrick, New York.

Dear Father Kelly:

I have received your letter dated May 6, 1936 and want to express my sincere appreciation for your congratulations concerning this Bureau's recent good fortune in apprehending Alvin Erculis. I am always appreciative of the many commendatory statements which you make with reference to our work, and I hope that it will continue to merit the confidence which you voice.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.
To the Editor
Detroit Times
Detroit Michigan

Again our shaky G. boys known as our trusty G Men, But called by some P. H. Political racketeers. The wild shooting shaky Boys, Again the Shaky Boys got their rat without firing a shot, Again it cost the American taxpayers very little money to rid our Country of a dirty rat, Again I will say as an American Taxpayer Give the Shaky G Boys 10 Thousand Men and five hundred million dollars and a free hand, and the Shaky G Boys will Save the American taxpayers over six million dollars each year, Give them laws to get the political rats. Laws that will try them for traitors and banish them for life, Give the honest G Boys laws to cleanse our Country of the three million alien Criminals that is coming our Country to day, The American people is going to put a stop to this costly political alien racket, The American people must be aroused to a duty we owe our Children.

Is it possible that the head of a big expensive department, that cost the taxpayers billions of dollars can be so dum and blind that permitting three million alien criminals to come our Country at a cost to the American taxpayers of over six million dollars each year. This same racket is endangering our Free Press and Free Speech, And will within 10 years pay our 90 per cent of the American People. To all Mothers to all Fathers, Your Constitution your existence as a free man is at stake, It is your duty to back up our department of justice, With all your power as the only reliable law enforcement agency we have left.

Martin G. Brown
621 St Jean Ave
Detroit Michigan

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AGAIN I THANK YOU AND YOUR SHAKY BOYS FOR YOUR GOOD WORK

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FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATION
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May 6, 1936

Mr. Martin G. Brown,
621 St. Jean Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Brown:

I have received the copy of the letter which you wrote to the Editor of the Detroit Times on May 4th concerning the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and I appreciate very much the commendatory statements expressed by you with regard to the efforts which we are making to deal with organized crime in this country. It was kind of you to send me a copy of your letter.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover, Director.
May 4, 1938.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

First let me congratulate you on the successful capture of Karpsa.

I am attaching photostatic copies of the letters we have just received from E. E. Kirkpatrick and J. G. Catlett, principals in the Urschel case, to whom Mr. W. G. Hentzmeister, editor of the Tulsa World submitted the proofs on the Urschel case as portrayed in WAR ON CRIME.

The corrections they have suggested have been made. I am most anxious that these stories shall be accurate in every detail and am, of course, delighted with this reaction.

We have just received an order from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and a query from the Kansas City Star. I am delighted with the high type of newspapers taking this feature. They are all old customers of ours and, to my mind, represent the finest type of journalism in this country.

Sincerely yours,

George F. Kearney, Manager,
LEADER SYNDICATE.
Dear Mr. Kearney:

I have just received your letter dated May 6, 1928, enclosing copies of letters from Messrs. Ernest H. Kirkpatrick and J. O. Cattell. I appreciate your making these available for the Bureau's file.

You may rest assured that I am delighted to hear of the reception that has been accorded Mr. Collier's study on the "War on Crime."

I also deeply appreciate your kind words of congratulation concerning the recent appreciation of Alvin Karpis.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
May 4, 1962.

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

My dear Director:

I certainly was sorry that you couldn't be present on April 30th, but after reading the report the day after, I am fully understanding your industrial duties which needed elsewhere. Congratulations on your wonderful work in closing up the Naples gang activities. You and your associates cannot be too highly commended upon this, and the many other cases you have to your credit.

I do not want this opportunity to pass without telling you and letting you know how deeply I appreciate the fine tribute you paid me at our dinner, through your representative, Mr. Harold Nathan. It is my heartfelt and words cannot describe the feeling I had within me then. Mr. Nathan gave your speech, it was leaning a very happy occasion, and I feel my wish to join my personal wishes for help with the right. We certainly enjoyed the evening here.

Under another cover, I am mailing you a copy of our program and hope that you will accept it as a souvenir of the event.

I do hope, no ever, that at our next affair you will be able to be with us, and join in our good time.

Extending you my sincerest personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

George E. King
Chief of Public Safety.

RE: J.S. 7-57-67. 3-1-67

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington, D.C.,

Dear Sir:-

I wish to congratulate you and your men on the fine work you are doing in getting rid of the bad dogs, and especially in your fine work on the Larpis case. I am sure if a vote could be taken by the people of America, that you and your men would receive a tremendous vote of confidence and thanks from the nation in your splendid work, in spite of the politicians.

I cut from Senator McSkeeter's column, taken from the Chicago Herald, a clipping from the editorial column, regarding his protest of your department using too much money. The last sentence said that we need is more of men and less politicians, to which I said Amen. I told the Senator that I did not understand how any human being could be so stupid as to defend the building of dog-pounds and be opposed to the elimination of these bad criminals. I expect to again write the Senator calling his attention to the fact of your wonderful work in the Larpis case, and advising him that he had better go home and take care of his dog-pound at Memphis, and that I feel sure you and your men will rid the country of the other rats.

In closing I say more power to you and your department.

Yours Respectfully
May 11, 1936

Dr. H. N. Roth,
Murphysboro, Illinois

Dear Dr. Roth:

I want to thank you for your letter of May 2, 1936, in which you extend your congratulations upon the apprehension of Alvin Karpis by this Bureau.

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write to me in this connection, and it is gratifying to learn that this Bureau has your confidence and support.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.
Ogden City Corporation

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The Board of City Commissioners of Ogden City, Utah, in special session today voted that a letter be forwarded to J. Edgar Hoover congratulating him and his department and all others responsible for the capture of Alvin Karpis.

Very sincerely yours,

Board of City Commissioners
Ogden City, Utah

S. O'M. Ballantyne, City Recorder.

By W. L. Fishers, Deputy
W. L. Fisher

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Mr. E. O. W. Ballantyne,
City Recorder,
Board of City Commissioners,
Ogden City, Utah.

Attention: Mr. W. J. Fisher

Dear Mr. Ballantyne:

I have your recent letter, which was received on May 5, 1936, extending congratulations of the Board of City Commissioners, Ogden City, Utah, upon the apprehension of Alvin Karpis.

I deeply appreciate the action taken by the Board of City Commissioners and am gratified that the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has the confidence and support of your Board.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director.

[Signature]

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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May 26, 1936

John Edgar Hoover, Esq.,
Director, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
WASHINGTON, D.C., USA.

Dear Sir:

Please accept my heartiest congratulations on the round-up of Alvin Karpis.

Your organization has done great work and it must be very encouraging to all your staff to see such crowning of their efforts. It is an inspiration to police officers everywhere to read about these criminals falling into the great net that you spread out for them.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

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MAY 26 1936

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
May 9, 1936.

Dear Mr. [Redacted],

I have received your letter, dated May 8, 1936, and want you to know how deeply grateful I am for your commendatory statements and congratulations concerning this Department's recent appointment of Alvin Verry.

I am with best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

[Addressee Information]

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O'Leary, Agent of Investigation
1504 Protection Bldg.
May 5, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 20th requesting information as to my rank and duties both prior and subsequent to my attendance at the FBI Police Training School.

As you know, this is a small department with but twenty-two men, and naturally since I was already a Lieutenant there could be no promotion. My duties before attendance were of a supervisory nature and still are. But my salary when compared to police salaries paid elsewhere is very good, and I am well satisfied.

Because of our size, it is impractical to conduct a full-time training school, yet I am working on an outline of study for regular staff meetings which is the nearest approach to a training school we can have. However, the men are interested and I think it will be very valuable. We are starting a Police Library, and we hope to make it a fine one.

Again I want to thank you for the opportunity you gave me to attend the training school, and for your kind interest in all of us. On the way home, several of us on the train were talking and we all struck by the fact that of all the police officials in the country, you were the first and only real leader behind whom we could all rally.

As I want to congratulate the FBI for its capture of Alvin Karpis. Also for your recent newspaper column that Public Enemy Number One is politics.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Glen Boyd.
My dear Lieutenant:

Reference is made to your letter of May 8, 1955, relative to your status with the Winnetka Police Department. I desire to express to you my appreciation for your courtesy in furnishing the information contained in your letter and I further desire to offer you my congratulations because of the recognition which you are receiving since your return from the Bureau’s Police Training School. I was particularly gratified to learn that you are preparing an outline for a course of study to be given to the other members of your Department. This, I believe, will make your attendance at the Bureau’s Police Training School of even greater benefit to your Department.

Permit me also to thank you for your very kind references and commendatory statements concerning this Bureau.

I am enclosing, for your information, a recently prepared booklet relative to the training schools and selection of personnel of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I trust that you will find the contents of interest.

Please do not hesitate to communicate with me whenever I may be of service.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.
May 5, 1936.
Time—9:40 A.M.

COMMUNICATION FOR MR. TOLSON
RE: Capture of Alvin Karpis.

Judge Holtzoff telephoned and offered his congratulations on the excellent work by the Bureau in the capture of Karpis. I thanked Judge Holtzoff for calling.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.
May 5, 1935.

Joe J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have your letter of April 27th and its enclosure together with the package of Jay enforcement bulletins sent under separate cover. I very much appreciate your courtesy and thoughtfulness in sending this material and am convinced that it will yield some valuable gains for the police cause about which I wrote you.

I note your comment in connection with my inquiry about a possible manual of instructions that you hope to get out in the course of a few years, and I am directionally looking forward to it. The field of police administration is now so much alive and is attracting so much interest that it is quite possible that we are attempting to move too fast in some of its phases.

My congratulations upon the recent Karpis capture.

With my sincere appreciation of your good will and helpfulness, I am.

Very truly yours,

E. H. Garrett (signed)

E. H. Garrett,
Deputy Commissioner.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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D. J. HENKINS
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
May 6, 1936

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have information on the sort of crime in this country. Will you be good enough to send me a copy of the facts you recently sent to my good friend, Dr. L.B. Howell of Arkansas? I wrote as much as I could.

You did a nice piece of work in New Orleans the other day. Your work right along has been excellent. Such our crime record is disgusting and disgraceful and threatening. I shall very greatly appreciate any help you can give me.

Gratefully yours,

[Signature]

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:—

I am forwarding the following information which
was requested by you in your letter of April 30, 1936.

Prior to attending the Federal Bureau of Investigation
Police Training School I was a Detective Sergeant
assigned to night duty in the Detective Division.
Since returning after the completion of the Training School I
have been assigned to day duty in the Detective Division,
with additional duties, assisting the Deputy Superintendent
in making plans for a new Recruit's Police Training School
which should be started in the near future. At that time
I will be assigned to assist the Deputy Superintendent in
directing the training school.

I am very pleased to read in the Newspapers of the Capture
of Alvin Karpis. Congratulations.

I am taking the liberty of including a cartoon and
a日趋 write-up which appeared in the evening Bulletin,
Providence, R. I. on May 4, 1936.

Hoping the above information complies with your
request, and with best wishes, I am

MAY 26 1936

Detective Sergeant
HE GETS HIS MAN

WE'VE CAPTURED KAPPA - J. EDGAR HOOVER

CAL 8977

[Signature]
HE GETS THE MAN

Even among fellow criminals, Alvin Karpis was known as a thoroughly bad egg. The underworld dubbed him "Ole Creepy" because in any gathering of the criminal class he spread nervousness and fear. His figure lurked when it was wrapped around a trigger, and murder was only part of the day's work.

A bank robber from the back alleys of the city, Karpis made his way to Chicago, where he graduated from small time gambling to the top ranks of crime when he formed an alliance with the notorious Barker gang which worked out of St. Paul. Then, the criminal leader of the United States, "Mr. Karpis," the man who dominated the country, made a "hit" of Karpis: his courage was cooled his nerves like steel, his daring beyond question; his love of shooting fellows of the law a passion, his instinct for crime unimpaired, to genius—total these victim traits rewarded him in the utmost nation of violence.

Karpis, back robber, kidnapping and murder are listed on Karpis's record. The Department of Justice, empowered with new writs from antitrust legislation passed by the Congress in the last three years, broke up the Barker gang, sending the numbers to death or the penitentiary for long stretchers.

But Karpis remained elusive. For three years the Bureau of Investigation has been following him, tracing every lead, running down every clue. Once he was surrounded in a small hotel in Atlantic City but shot his way to safety. Karpis placed him in the Middle West, in Oklahoma, and a short while ago in Massachusetts. On Friday night the G-men caught up with him in New Orleans.

With skillful technique, he was taken alive, despite predictions that only a bullet could stop him. Public Enemy No. One now has a rendezvous with his fate.

To the FBI all praise and thanks. Infinite patience and deep determination have won. Every honest man fair that sought or hate the G-men would capture Karpis dead or alive. The underworld has lost by this time that Uncle Sam cannot be beaten; he gets his man.
Sergeant Edmund S. Crowley,
Detective Division,
Providence Police Department,
Providence, Rhode Island.

My dear Sergeants,

Permit me to express my appreciation for your courtesy in forwarding the information relative to your status in the Providence Police Department. I am indeed pleased to observe that you are being placed in a position whereby you may give the benefit of your experience and training to the other members of your Department. If this Bureau can be of any assistance to you whatsoever, do not hesitate to let me know.

I also desire to express to you my appreciation for your congratulations relative to the recent capture of Alvin Karpis. I am deeply appreciative of your interest and for the courtesy which prompted your sending the very interesting cartoon and newspaper clipping relative to the capture of this criminal.

There is enclosed, herewith, for your information, a recently prepared booklet relative to the training schools and the selection of personnel of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I hope that you will find this booklet of interest.

With assurances of my best wishes and highest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #367791,

Personnel Files
Administrative Files.
May 2, 1936

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Today I was directed by the officers of this organization to recognize the splendid service which you rendered the country in connection with the capture of Alfred Karpis known as "Public Enemy No. 1."

Aside from this notable service which you and your associates have performed, the members of our organization are cognizant of the splendid operations which you are daily rendering and the valuable service to the taxpayers of this nation, thereby assisting in the reduction of crime and thus creating better communities in the United States in which to live.

We are proud to know that under your leadership, the Bureau has attained such an efficient staff.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Executive Secretary

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May 11, 1936

Mr. Frank Harris, Jr.,
Executive Secretary,
Hastings Chamber of Commerce,
225 Hotel Building,
Hastings, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Harris:

I have your letter of May 7, 1936, in which, at the direction of the officers of the Hastings Chamber of Commerce, you extend congratulations to me upon the apprenticeship of Alvin Earp.

I deeply appreciate the interest which prompted you to write to me in this connection.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

[Communications Section]

Mailed

May 12, 1936

P.M.
Federal Bureau of Investigation
350 Colfax Ave.
Department J of R.G.
Dear Edgar Hoover,

May I congratulate for the wonderful job you did in capturing Alvin Harker. It didn't take long to catch him after those cards were distributed.

The 2-Men always get their man. Did Mr. Morgan find out anything yet? Your pictures came out perfect in the papers.

Yours truly,

Edward Drake

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Dear Edgar Hoover,

May I congratulate you for the wonderful job you did in capturing Alvin Barkis. It didn't take long to catch him after those cards were distributed. The Golden always get their man. Did Mr. Moran find out anything yet? Your pictures came out perfect in the papers.

Yours truly,

Edward Dragos (E)
Mr. Edward Drakes
18 California Court
Clinton, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Drakes,

I want to thank you for your letter of May 4, 1936, in which you extend your congratulations upon the recent appointment of Alvin E. Purvis by this Bureau.

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write me. I note that you make an inquiry concerning Mr. A. N. Stewart. I would suggest that you communicate with Mr. A. N. Hovey, Chief, Secret Service Division, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C., concerning your question.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Record of Telephone Call of Visitor.

May 6, 1936

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Name

Harry Haasch, free lance writer
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Referral to

Details:

Wished to extend his heartiest congratulations to the Director for apprehending Alvin Karpis. r.h.b.

a letter of acknowledgment is being written.

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MAY 8, 1936

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JOSEPH

FORD
To the Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed hereewith is a telegram of congratulations addressed to you in connection with the apprehension of ALVIN KARLIS. This communication is from S. W. Decker, former night clerk who resides at 2020 North 4th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Very truly yours,

C. W. DECKER
Special Agent in Charge.

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Chicago
Cleveland

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232 UPTOWN STATION AND FEDERAL COURT BLDG=

CONGRATULATIONS=
S W OZARK.

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THERE IS NO DEPENDABLE SUBSTITUTE FOR WESTERN UNION TIME
May 5, 1936

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director of Public Safety
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I want to sincerely congratulate you upon your recent achievement at New Orleans in effecting the capture of Alvin Karpis, designated public enemy No. 1. It was indeed a brilliant piece of work and worthy of the Master Mind who engineered it, and is an achievement of which every law-enforcement officer and American citizen should be proud.

More power to you,

Very truly yours,

C. M. Hayes

C. M. Hayes

MAY 25 1936
May 11, 1936.

Mr. C. R. Hayse,
Editor and Managing
The Police Chief,
Evansville, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Hayse:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your letter of May 8, 1936, extending your congratulations upon the apprehension of those

Please be assured I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

J. REESE DePARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

420 Post Office Bldg.,
Dallas Texas.

May 4, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith an
Editorial from the DALLAS MORNING NEWS of May 4,
1936, captioned "End of the Road."

Very truly yours,

J. E. Blair
F. E. Haden
Special Agent in Charge.
End of the Road

Rhettl McKenrick, member of Congress and
lawyer in private life, reported a few days ago to Fed-
eral expenditure in the Department of Justice's Bu-
reau of Criminal Investigation. More sensible House
colleagues promptly approved the budget for that de-
partment. To prove the point, J. Edgar Hoover's
deadly G-men proved in Albany, N.Y., Public Money
no. One, in New Orleans Police. That particular
public measure, facing numerous charges from mur-
der to bank robbery, is on its way to dish or life
imprisonment.

With the capture of Karpis the Government has
broken up a group responsible for heavy loss in life
and property. But for the Hoover force, it is safe to
say that fines could not be written on that poorly
record. The limitations on State law enforcement of
its best and the all too frequent inefficiency of local
public protection, have failed and are still fail-
ing to put a stop to the activities of such criminals as
Karpis. In the long run, the criminal usually comes
to the end of his rope; crime does not pay and has
never paid, but it can and does cost the peaceable
public while it is going on.

The comparative rapidity with which the Federal
force is anning and finishing up with criminals
of the Karpis type is striking. Under the fugitive-
from-justice rule involving State borders, the criminal
places himself in Federal jeopardy as soon as he quits
the State where he has actually committed his crimes.
The criminal investigation force under J. Edgar
Hoover has proved its value and has given a rich re-
turn on every dollar of investment. Congress has put
into it.
Mr. J. Edward Jones
of Washington D.C.

Mr. Jones-
I see what our paper here in Blain have to say about you and your department.

I just thought I would spend three cents to let you know that you are making some sort of reputation in this country.

I wanted you to know that the people in this country all pay they are doing great work.

Yours truly,

Claude E. Birkhead
Birmingham, Ala.

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Birmingham, Ala.

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JOSEPH L. STIGL
Redcliffe, Ala.
B'ham, Ala.
May 4, 1936

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover -

Look what our papers here in B'ham have to say about you and your department.

I just thought I'd send three cents to let you know that you are making some sort of a reputation in this country.

I wanted you to know that the people in this country all say you are doing great work.

Yours Truly,

Claude C. Swindle, (F)
912 - North 45 st.
Birmingham, Ala.
Other Public Enemies

The capture of Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, who has been on the run since 1933, and the successful search for him by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, has ended the longest and most daring crime in American crime history.

Alvin Karpis was last seen in 1933, when a reward of $10,000 was offered for his capture. He has been missed ever since, and it was believed that he had disappeared into thin air.

But last week, a tip from an anonymous caller led agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to a small town in Minnesota, where they found Karpis hiding in a garage.

Karpis was taken into custody without resistance and is now being held in the Federal Penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kansas.

The capture of Karpis is a triumph for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which has been working on the case for over 20 years.

The agency has made many arrests and has been involved in many high-profile cases, but this is its most significant achievement.

The capture of Karpis is a significant victory for law enforcement, and it is hoped that it will discourage other criminals from continuing their illegal activities.

The capture of Karpis is a reminder that justice is possible, and that law enforcement can succeed in apprehending even the most elusive criminals.

The capture of Karpis is a testament to the perseverance and dedication of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to the courage and determination of the agents who worked on the case.

The capture of Karpis is a reminder that even the most dangerous criminals can be brought to justice, and that law enforcement is always on the lookout for new cases.

The capture of Karpis is a victory for all Americans, and it is hoped that it will inspire others to continue fighting against crime and to support law enforcement.
May 11, 1936

Mr. Claude C. Swindell,
915 North 4th Street,
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Swindell:

I have your letter of May 4, 1936, with which you enclosed two editorials and a cartoon dealing with the recent apprehensions of Alvin Karpis.

I want you to know that I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write to me and make these editorials and cartoons available for the Bureau's files.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director.
Dear Mr. Hoover:

The sudden death of a Cornell friend, on the following day, made me turn to Washington for help.

I suppose that my interest in fingerprints began as a result of my early association with those persons, and many other Cornell friends in the Cosmos Club. At any rate, I did experimental work with finger and palm impressions, made at that time on paper smoked over burning camphor, and fixed afterward with a solution of tincture of vanillin.

Much water has flowed under the Brooklyn Bridge since then, and the first fingerprint officially made in a file in September 1902, was indirectly the result of these studies in Washington.

After my necessary task had been accomplished, I went with my Cornell friend, a lawyer for forty years in the U.S. Patent Office, to call upon you in the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I was sorry to find that you were not in your office, but, thanks to the kindness of Mr. C. E. Kleinform, who I believe, is one of your secretaries, we were shown every possible courtesy. We were put in charge of Mr. Aaron Kohn and Mr. E. C. Douglas. We ultimately wound up in the File Room. I did not learn the names of the gentlemen in charge of that department, and will be glad if you will send it to me. He did some excellent target practice, and was kind enough to let me try his Colt 38.

I am not familiar with sawed-off shot guns or "Tonym Guns," but I did find his Colt an old friend. Some twenty-five years ago, when I was the Surgeon-Major of the 13th Regiment Coast Artillery, I made a score of thirteen bull's eyes out of fifteen shots, on the standard target, at a distance of seventy-five yards. I fear my hand is not as steady as it once was, but I did hit the target with every shot much to my surprise.

I was much interested in the machine - which is a marvel - for automatically separating the enormous number of "one over one" cards.

Then my own fingerprints were taken on one of your standard Record Cards with the colorless ink on properly sensitized paper. In order that my personal card may be complete, I am enclosing a photograph recently taken at my desk.

RECORDED & INDEXED

I have visited the office headquarters in Chicago, St. Louis, New York, Philadelphia, Detroit, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Baltimore, Washington, New York, San Francisco, New Orleans, Cleveland and Boston. Never before, have I seen anything in this line approaching your own offices in Washington. The lighting, the arrangement, the spirit, of the whole organization is a notable one of the entire staff. When I saw, and with which I am in personal contact, it is of course to any which I have ever seen. The time

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will ultimately come, and as I hope in the not distant future, when universal fingerprinting will be established in our own country, as it is in the Argentine. You have been the moving spirit in this Department of such National importance, and I offer you my sincere congratulations.

To the four gentlemen whose names I have mentioned or referred to, I would like to send a copy of my little book on "The Evolution of Fingerprinting in the United States," I will appreciate it if you will send me their names, so that I may be sure of spelling them correctly.

The lecture which I recently gave before a social group, aroused considerable attention. If you care to send me one of your ink pads, and one of the Fingered Clips for holding the card on the table; from time to time I will be glad to take fingerprints in my office and forward them to you, to add to your enormous and rapidly growing file of non-criminal Personal Identification Records.

Recent newspaper accounts of the capture of a gangster named Zedpis, in New Orleans, would seem to indicate that you should add another feather of unusual size to your cap.

Very sincerely yours,

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

/S. L. M.
May 12, 1936.

[Redacted]

New York, New York.

Dear [Redacted],

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 6, 1936, with which was forwarded your photograph to be attached to your civil fingerprint card. I will see that your photograph is attached to the card.

I sincerely regret that my absence from the city prevented my meeting you and your friend, [Redacted] when you called at the Bureau, but I want you to know that I appreciate very deeply your commendation of the work that we are doing, your favorable impressions of the activities of the Bureau, and your high regard for its personnel.

The Special Agent in charge of the Firing Range was Mr. Byron Burnes. The other gentlemen you met were Mr. C. M. Kleinbauf, Mr. A. M. Kohn, and Special Agent H. G. Douglas.

I know that the four men you mentioned will appreciate receiving your book entitled, "The Evolution of Dactyloscopy in the United States," and I would very much appreciate your sending me a copy for inclusion in our Bureau Library, so that we may have the same readily available for reference purposes.

COTTON DESTROYED

11 MAR 25 1935
Mr. Keen has advised me that you have copies of the first fingerprints taken in this country, and of the first latent fingerprints ever used in evidence in an English court, which you offered to send to me. I should certainly be pleased to receive them.

Your kind offer to assist in the taking of civil fingerprints is certainly appreciated, and I am sorry that I do not have extra equipment of the type you request which I can forward to you. It is suggested that any of your friends who desire their fingerprints included in the Bureau's Civil Identification Unit might call for this purpose at their convenience at the New York City office of this Bureau, which is located at 607 U. S. Court House, Foley Square.

Should you be in Washington again, I hope that you will call at the Bureau so that I may meet you.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.
Sanatorium, Mississippi.
May 5, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a number of clippings of
editorial comments that I thought would be of
interest to you. Each one is mounted and shows
the name of paper and date. The Jackson (Miss)
Daily News is edited by Major Friedrich Bullers.
The Commercial Appeal, Memphis (Tenn.) is published
by Col. James Hammond, but I do not know the name
of the editor.

Very truly yours,

R. O. Gillaspis

Enclosures.
Division of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
326 Post Office Building,
New Orleans, La.
May 2, 1936.

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

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Shortly after your departure from New Orleans on May 1, 1936, Honorable William Stanley, Assistant Attorney General, telephoned the New Orleans Bureau Office endeavoring to reach you for a conference and to congratulate you. Mr. Stanley also desired to place you in telephonic communication with Honorable Homer S. Cummins, the Attorney General.

Mr. Stanley advised that he could be reached at telephone 7511, Southern Pines, North Carolina.

I endeavored to reach you but apparently you had departed from New Orleans.

Very truly yours,

D. M. [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge.
Honorable William Stanley,
Laurel, Maryland,

Dear Bill,

I have been advised of your telephone call to the New Orleans office of this bureau last Friday, at which time you extended your congratulations upon the capture of Alvin Karpis. It is indeed gratifying to me, both personally and officially, to receive such fine expressions from you. It really makes one feel as if the many hours of hard work are more than compensated for.

I am indeed sorry that I had left New Orleans when you called for I would like to have been able to talk with you.

With expressions of my very best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed are some editorial comments concerning your department.

I'll add my sincere congratulations to you and your men for the splendid capture of Karpis.

I'm curious to know how close or how far the facts in my Karpis story are from the facts which you knew of.

With best wishes,

Walter Bisney Biscup

May 8, 1936.
$1,079,200  LOOT OF KARPIS

MOB DURING LAST

SIX YEARS'

Pulsa Daily World
Thursday, May 3, 1936
Killer Led 33 Gunmen
In Rampage Over U.S.

Gang’s Toll Shows 10 Killed; 15 in Prison;
7 Awaiting Trial; 1 Fugitive; 11 Murders to Be Answered

By Walter Biscup

CRIME’S gang—Alvin Karpis—has been removed.

A plague to law enforcement during the last six years, this diabolical killer, entertainer and bandit led a mercenary group of hoodlums through the nation, leaving in his fearful wake the victims of 11 murders and $1,075,000 in blood money.

These proceeds came from lawless enterprises as far flung as the state boundaries which the mob crossed with impunity.

The Karpis gang unmercifully plied its cruel activities in city as well as hamlet; in day and night; with callousness and callous hearts; against the strong as well as the weak.

It had only one motivating power—the warped brain of the 57-year-old maniac who murdered because he found it convenient and willfully because he was a born criminal.

Karpis, whose eating ranged from calmly skimming an ice pick through a victim’s heart to chopping a man’s head off for the sake of the act, had long lurked in the shadows.

He saw duplicity and loyalty in his ranks and he also saw its destruction by bullet and prison sentence.

His own momentum kept him hopping from crime to crime; state to state and hide-out to hide-out. He knew all the angles and all the answers except the most simple one—that he could not evade the revengive law which was as exacting as the destiny he blindly followed.

The ominous shadow of this lethal crew crept into every section of the country and metased the security of the West.

KAPIS PAIRED

Five of the Karpis mob, including the leader, were paired by the federal government as the mastermind of the gang. They are: Karpis, Freddie Barker, Arthur Raymond, Benn Wright and Valery Davis.

scores of banks. The tremendous range of the Karpis criminal activities as firmly woven into the fabric of today’s mid and southwestern social order will probably never be duplicated.

Desperate Mob.

During a recent visit to Tulsa, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation of justice, who led the government’s efforts when they captured Karpis in New Orleans, said that the Karpis mob is undoubtedly the most dangerous to the nation within recent years.

His appraisal was not based on statistics alone. At the time he had said that one of the gang’s activities and it had involved every human law.

The incidents of the past show: As every other entering, he violently echoed in his own mind the picture of Karpis—the man America’s underworld named “Crazy,” the man whose character had been cast in the mold of malevolence.

The Karpis gang contained a crew of 34 criminals who were infamous specialists in the field of lawlessness.

Its roster follows:

Alvin Karpis, leader, arrested.

Frank Nash, killed.

Freddie Barker, killed.

John Hamilton, killed.

Russell (Butch) Gibson, killed.

Kate (Tony) Barker, killed.

Herman Barker, suicide.

William J. Harrison, killed.

Verne Miller, killed.

Joseph J. Meron, killed.

Doran (Doc) Barker, life imprisonment.

Delores Delaney, serving five-year term.

Wm. Burke, serving five years.

Glen Wright, serving 30 years.

Dairy Davis, serving life term.

Olive Berg, serving life term.

John M. McLaughlin, died in prison while serving term.

James J. Wilson, serving five years.

World Albon, serving 25 years.

Byron Bolton, serving life term.

Erie Farmer, serving 10 years.

Lloyd Barker, serving life term.

Pat Callins, serving five years.

Harry Sawyer, serving life term.

William Winger, serving life term.

Cassius McDonald, awaiting sentence.

Edward C. Bartholomew, awaiting trial.

Jack Peller, awaiting trial.

C. E. Fonge, awaiting trial.

William S. Wink, awaiting trial.

Fred Hunter, awaiting trial.

Harry Campbell, suspended.

Gang Wrecked, "Yo-G".

The nature of the mob’s activities are:

Killed 10, 15 in prison; 7 awaiting trial; 1 fugitive; 11 murders to be answered.

At large:

Said one of the gang’s activities and it had involved every human law.
Joseph Karpia and his wife, Rose, had a happy family in Chicago. They lived at 2905 Addison Street, one of the most desirable in the city. Their son, James A. Karpia, was born in 1922. Joseph Karpia was one of the most successful jewelers in the city. He was respected for his honesty and integrity.

During the next three years, Karpia was involved in a fight with a well-known gangster. The fight ended in a shooting, and Karpia was sentenced to five years in prison. However, he was released early due to good behavior.

Karpia was married to Mrs. Kate (née) Karpia, an opera singer, and they had four children. Karpia was also a successful businessman and owned several businesses in Chicago.

On May 23, 1921, Karpia was shot while he was walking his dog on the street. He died later that day in a hospital. Karpia was survived by his wife and four children.

The family of Karpia had lived in Chicago since 1890. They owned several businesses in the city and were respected members of the community.

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beneath volubly blurred his desperado ravings. The mob wanted to kill him. It was agreed to do it in Kapre. Miller did not want to do it. Kapre was then on the opiate of DeModules. Officers were seeking bullets, for they were tied with wire. An ice pick had been impaled through Miller’s heart. It was Kapre’s practice to earn to a man who had already been murdered.

Then there was Dr. Joseph G. Moran of Chicago. He served a stiff prison term in the Juliet, Ill., prison seven years ago and afterwards strangled himself in Chicago’s underworld.

Kapre and Campbell decided to have their fingerprints obliterated in March, 1897. They commissioned Moran to do the job and paid him $1,000. They remained in bed for 10 days before leaving for Chicago. Nobody knew that the oil finger trick would hold in time and the print would never change. Neither Kapre nor Campbell knew it.

Moran then made Miller’s mistake. When in his cups he boasted of the fact that Kapre and Campbell were planning to pay him $1,000 for a single operation. Calling Kapre a shrewd was equivalent to signing a death warrant. Moran did not know that he was “taken for a ride” and accidentally was the first person to be taken for a ride in a murder.

When a Chicago prostitute asked Kapre for the lozenge she said was her nose, he whipped out his pistol and clubbed her into insensibility. He reached for her stocking and took her small roll of bills. He pocketed the $350 and then had another $200 in “hot money.”

The police, seeing a Kapre slip, went after Kapre to obtain the services of a preferred killer for use in the Kansas City, Mo., slums. The killer was a man named Clum. He was taken to Leavenworth, Kans., prison. Kapre, disguised as a reporter, turned him in and killed him.

Miller did his share in the station slaughtering. Miller made his mistake when he went to Chicago to sell his goods.
Day of Judgment Approaches for
Karpis and His Gang

Alcatraz prison, located on a picturesque island in San Francisco bay, may soon receive Alvin Karpis unless the entire is exonerated for his many crimes. The picture shows America's Devil island where unfortunates of the most vicious and irredeemable type are kept.

Alvin Karpis, Inc.,
"Crime Syndicate"

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This picture of Alvin Karpis was taken when the public enemy was serving portion of a burglary term in the McAlister state prison in 1912.
William Barlow, 21, left, and Edward C. Bremer were two of the kidney victims of the Karpis mob. Barlow paid $100,000 ransom while Bremer paid $200,000 for his release.
BIBLE THOUGHT

As a roaring lion, and a raging bear; so is a wicked ruler over the poor people.

Proverbs 28:15.

EXPERT MAN-HUNTERS

The long crooked trail has practically ended for Alvin Karpis. Gratification over the capture of one of the last and worst of the gangsters who wrote so dangerously active and so plentiful a few years ago, must be mingled with approval for the federal agency. The gangster and his associates, knowing of other captures and stayings and knowing how determined the officers were to make the capture of the biggest rat still moving around, were very careful. Under all the circumstances, it is remarkable that the federal agents were able to move across the country on a call from New Orleans and to accomplish the job without bloodshed. It is remarkable there was not a "leak" somewhere.

Three years ago the criminal tide was running high. There seemed to be little prospect of subduing the kidnappers, murderers and bank robbers, all of whom had many proteges and many advantages. The formidable protection of gangsters has been effectively broken down. Kidnapping has been made so hazardous that it is rarely attempted now. Some of the smaller rackets may be on the increase, but the major crime, wherever and whenever they come within the purview of the G-men, are usually solved.

It is not, of course, done by superhuman cunning or by luck or magic; it is done through the use of common sense, enormous industry, and the use of scientific methods. It costs a great deal of money, but the country is highly pleased; it is a scheme which brings results. Had this country remained the criminals' haven as it appeared to be in 1933, it would probably have reached anarchy by this time.

The modern man-hunter of the better type are doing admirable work for all of us. The capture of Karpis was a particularly fine and important piece of work.

Monotonic and quarter-staff elements have been represented in Congress recently, by Senator McKellar of Tennessee and Representative Fain of Washington. Both made pugnacious attacks upon J. Edgar Hoover and the bureau of investigation. It is now announced that the last of the O'Malley gang is in captivity, and that the kidnapping cases are all practically finished, except for the inevitable capture of Alvin Karpis. New York police now treaded in dragging the last of the gangsters, Lucky Luciano, out of his protected area in Arkansas.

Failure of pre-war attempts to cripple the G-men force must be a severe disappointment to gangsters and their congressional sympathizers.
May 16, 1936

Mr. Walter Bob Kemp,
Waltz Daily World,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Bob Kemp:

I have received your letter of May 9, 1936, transmitting editorial comments appearing in the Tulsa Daily World concerning the recent capture of Elvis Arpels, and greatly enjoyed reading these articles. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in transmitting these comments to me and likewise appreciate your expression of congratulations.

I regret that I cannot at the present time comment upon the accuracy of your statements concerning Arpels in view of the fact that he is presently being held awaiting trial on several criminal charges.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.
Mr. Edgar J. Horser

Dear Sir,

Sent sending you a letter from Oklahoma newspaper—wish to show you what
Oklahoma citizens think of you as for myself I
wish to add it--you are one of the greats in
the U.S. today and we are proud of
you.

May 20, 1936

With best wishes,

Louis Wiencensang

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FILE
L. Weimcensang
Shoes; Hosiery; Millinery
Chickasha, Oklahoma

May 5th - 36

Mr. Edgar J. Hoover.

Dear Sir:

I am sending you a editorial from Oklahoma newspaper - Just to show you what we Oklahomans think of you - as for myself I want to add that - you are one of the greatest men in the U. States today - and we are proud of you.

With Best wishes - I am

Respectfully,

L. Weimcensang. (S)
Public Enemies do Not Deserve Mercy

The smooth, precise manner in which the efficient J. Edgar Hoover and his men trapped the criminal, Karpis, in New Orleans is enough to make citizens glow with pride over the effectiveness of their federal bureau of investigation.

Nothing is more comforting than the knowledge supported by visible performance, that one department of government is dedicated to the protection of the citizen, his home and his property.

And nothing is more disconcerting than the knowledge supported by the records that, at the same time, other departments of government are handling their public trust in such a loose fashion as to endanger the safety of the citizen, his home and his property.

A disgraceful, sentiment-guided clemency system that blankets the United States is responsible for a crime condition that challenges the people of America.

There was absolutely no excuse for crime-wrashed Alvin Karpis to run loose up and down the nation at the head of a gang that murdered police officers and made his former prostitute wife escape from prison. Bank robbery and kidnapping. For Alvin Karpis showed criminal tendency when he was a henry lad of 16.

He was arrested under arrest in Topeka, Kansas, for petty theft. He was sent to the state reformatory, from which he escaped. After a year of liberty he was rearrested and returned to the reformatory. He was transferred to the state penitentiary after knives were found in his possession. While in prison he and another bandit plotted a jewel robbery to be staged in Henryetta, Okla.

The record of Karpis should have been enough to keep him in prison. But he was pardoned. The robbery at Henryetta was carried out. Karpis was caught but his companions were not.

Karpis was sentenced to serve four years in Oklahoma's state prison. But he did not do this time. After three months in the Oklahoma penitentiary jail he was paroled by the first judge. This known prison breaker and convicted thief was turned loose to prey upon the people, who were contributing regularly to the support of prisons and courts and who had a right to feel they were being protected from dangerous criminals.

In the federal bureau of investigation at Washington there is a single fingerprint section devoted to the worst 12,000 or the nation's public enemies. The records show that more than 3,500 of these desperate men and women have at some time felt the ample mercy of parole or probation or pardon or some form of subterfuge clemency.

Congratulations to Mr. Hoover for at least cornering Rudolph Karpis, who never should have been at large. Condolences to those who granted Karpis liberty and wished him godspeed after he revealed his criminal bent so clearly. And the warning to everybody: Unless restrictions are drawn more tightly around clemency, you or some member of your family or your home or your property soon may be the victim of a criminal on parole.
AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

NOMINALLY

CHICKASHA, OKLAHOMA

New, Edgar, J. Horner
Washington

Close  D. C.
May 11, 1936.

Mr. Louis Weismann,
Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Weismann:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated May 5, 1936, with which you enclosed a copy of the editorial entitled "Public Enemies Do Not Deserve Mercy" which appeared in the May 4, 1936, issue of the Oklahoma City Times.

I want to express my appreciation for your thoughtfulness in bringing this editorial to my attention.

I am also very grateful for your personal complimentary remarks concerning my work.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
May 11, 1936.

My attention has been called to the editorial entitled "Public Enemies do Not Deserve Mercy" which appeared in the May 4, 1936, issue of the Oklahoma City Times.

I am indeed appreciative of the commendatory references to this Bureau and my administration of it which you make in your editorial column from time to time.

I am pleased to observe the stand which you have taken against misplaced clemency. If the public becomes fully cognizant of the existing improper parole practices, I feel that it will demand the much-needed corrections, which will help to improve the crime situation.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,
Honorable Wright Patman,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

I have received your message of congratulations upon the capture of Alvin Karpis, and sent you to know how deeply grateful I am to you for your kind expressions. It makes one feel as if the many hours of hard work performed in this case, as well as in other cases, are more than compensated for when we receive the commendation of such a fine friend as you.

With expressions of my very best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

[Some handwritten notes on the document]
May 6, 1936.

Mr. William Doyle,
WFLR Broadcasting Station,
712 - 11th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Doyle:

I listened in on your radio program on Monday night
and I want you to know that I sincerely appreciate your commenda-
tory references to the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
and your congratulatory statements with respect to the apprehension
of Alvin Karpis. It was very kind of you to do this.

With sincere good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Amortimer Clark
Principal

May 5, 1938.

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

Dear Sir:

Congratulations on your latest capture in the
draconian and your wholesome pillory of the real Public Enemy No. 1,
the politician.

Sincerely yours,

Harold A. Whitney.

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NEW YORK CITY

HEWITT CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL
MOSHER PARKWAY AND PAUL AVENUE
May 12, 1936

Sir,

In response to your letter of May 5, 1936, I am pleased to transmit herewith the following publications which I believe you will find of interest in connection with subjects discussed by Mr. Coffey in his recent address in New York on Chemistry in the detection of crimes:

1. The Federal Bureau of Investigation
   Training of Personnel

2. The Technical Laboratory of the Federal
   Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department
   of Justice
   Scientific Methods of Crime Detection in the
   Judicial Process

I trust that some of this material will be of interest to your students. I am sure you will understand that much of our material concerning Technical Laboratory subjects cannot be released due to its highly confidential nature.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Enclosures:

[Stamp: COMMUNICATION MAILED]
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May 7, 1936.

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I wish to thank you for the copy you so kindly sent me of your excellent address, "Patriotism and the War Against Crime," delivered before the last annual convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

I always read with pleasure and benefit whatever you have to say on the subject of crime. You always know what you are talking above and you say it in such as interesting and understandable way.

I wish to avail myself of this opportunity to congratulate you on the capture of Karpis. You and your men are doing great work and making for yourselves a fine record, meriting and receiving the gratitude of the Nation.

I also want to congratulate you on Congress having raised your annual salary from $3,000 to $10,000. They should raise it to $25,000. As the head of a private detective agency you could make $100,000 a year. The government is getting a wonderful bargain in securing your services for $10,000 a year.

With best wishes, believe as,

Sincerely yours,

Jas. A. Moss.

Colonel, United States Army, Retired,
PRESIDENT GENERAL

P.S. Knowing, as I do, of your interest in the anti-crime work of the United States Flag Association, I thought the second paragraph of the enclosed copy of a letter received a few days ago from the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana would please you. As you may know, many others think the same thing as Attorney General Porterfield does, which is, naturally, to us a source of much satisfaction.
May 18, 1936

PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL.

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

Re: FKID.

Dear Sir:

With reference to my report dated May 18, 1936, confidential informants referred to therein are identified, as follows:

[Redacted]

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

J. J. Connolly,
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
MAY 21 1936
May 8, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Just a line to add my congratulations to the thousands that you deserve and will undoubtedly receive regarding the capture of Earples and the breaking up of his gang.

You have certainly earned the title "Public Benefactor Number One".

More power to you.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

R. C. Sheldon

May 26, 1936

[Handwritten note: "Act of May 26, 1936"]
May 14, 1936

Mr. Rowland C. Sheldon,
Executive Director,
National Crime Prevention
Institute, Incorporated,
425 Fourth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Sheldon:

I have received your letter dated May 5, 1936, and wish to express my sincere appreciation for the congratulations which you extend on the recent capture of Alvin Karpis by this Bureau.

It is indeed encouraging to receive such an expression of confidence.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It was resolved at a meeting of the executive board of this association today to send to you an expression of our cordial approval of your splendid achievements in carrying out the duties of your office. We wish to voice our admiration in this way for your singular record of successes, signalized so recently by the capture in New Orleans of a notorious and dangerous fugitive.

Sincerely,

Maurice Well

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A. J. B. J.

Bishop Tuttle Memorial
1201 Locust Street- Saint Louis
May 2, 1935

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 1, enclosing a copy of your address to the N. A. I. in Washington on April 22, and to thank you for sending it to me.

I have just finished reading your address from beginning to end. Altho I suspected things were pretty bad, I did not realize the tremendous extent of the present crime wave. I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you, in behalf of our organization, and myself, for the splendid work of your men, particularly your capture in the last few days of some of the nation's most criminal.

It is my intention of having your speech read at the next meeting of our group.

If you can spare the time, we would appreciate it if you would tell us how an organization such as ours can help you in your work, aside from carrying out our duties as good citizens.

Again thanking you, and with best wishes for your success,

Sincerely yours,

Karl D. Schmidt

Karl D. Schmidt
Secretary

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P.O. BOX 193
May 8, 1935.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The copy of your address "Patriotism and the War Against Crime" sent me under date of April 24th is greatly appreciated and I can assure you I have read it with much interest. Bringing such facts before a large gathering of the women of this National should be effective.

A few weeks ago one of your lieutenants, Mr. Reed Vetterill, spoke before our Masonic Club here in Wilmington. The meeting was largely attended and the talk most interesting and enjoyable.

It gave me much pleasure to read of your meeting with Earls in New Orleans.

With my best wishes for the continuation of your good work, I am

Sincerely yours,

Howard R. Ingram
130 S. Deam Street,
Wilmington, Delaware.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter dated May 5, 1936 from Sidney Caldwell, 911 History Avenue, Duncan, Oklahoma, a copy of which is attached hereto.

I am not replying to Mr. Caldwell's letter, and it is suggested that you acknowledge the receipt of his letter.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

DOUGLASS BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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MAY 28 1936
Duncan, Okla.
May 8, 1936.

Dwight Brentley
Department of Justice
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

I think it is the duty of
Every American Citizen to write the Hon. J.
Edgar Hoover, Director of the Department
of Justice, a letter of appreciation in
catching those Red men such as Ruby Pace
Nelson, Helingar, Machine Gun-Kelley
Albert Bates, and Alvin Karpis.
Also you boys of the Department of Justice
to you and Clarence Hart in your noble way you
in capturing Alvin Karpis. Next week.
I want you boys to know that I am behind
you boys always and I appreciate you boys
more than I can tell you.

Your Friend

Sidney Caldwell
913 Hickory Ave.
Duncan,
Okla.

( COPI )
Mr. Sidney Caldwell,
113 Hickory Avenue,
Duncan, Oklahoma.

May 12, 1936.

Mr. Dwight Brantley, Special Agent in Charge of the
Bureau's Oklahoma City office, has come to my attention.

Your commendation of the activities of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation and its personal
in apprehending some of the nation's worst criminals
is deeply appreciated by me. It is gratifying to
know citizens are in accord with our efforts in law
enforcement.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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CC - OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Division of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Edgar:

Congratulations and best of luck. To say the least, I feel very happy over the newspaper reports of the last week, and I want to assure you that they are very encouraging to the other law enforcement agencies.

I have some information of the effect which has been made over the Miami gang trails in Miami Shores, Florida. We have been watching them here because we expected they would try to open up the place in Miami but instead they went over the city line into the Shores. Not knowing that we had been watching them closely, the Sheriff a few days ago closed the place in Miami Shores and the gang went back to the Beach where I am satisfied we can locate them if they are wanted.

Elgar, keep up the good work. There are a hundred out of one-hundred and seventy men here that you can have at a moments notice, and I hope and trust that within a few years every law enforcement unit in the States will be able to give as good as not better service and co-operation.

I should appreciate it very much if you would send me the complete record of "Little Angie" whose real name is Angie Corrado or Anthony Carfano, alias Anthony Pisano, fingerprint classification 11/1, U/S, XII/106, 15/18.
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

For your information, we have changed Chiefs of Police. We have been very fortunate in having appointed the investigation expert of the State’s Attorney’s Office, Mr. John E. Rowland. Rowland worked under State’s Attorney Hawthorne who, by the way, was State’s Attorney that exposed great many forms of graft in the City of Miami. Rowland was kept on by our mutual friend George A. Worley at a salary of $3,500 per year, but now he has been appointed Chief at a salary of $4,000 per year, so I believe that the salary is sufficient to be attractive. Although he has had no experience in the actual handling of men he has had experience in investigation which is one of the things that is very much lacking at the present time. John is to begin work on May 18th, and I have every confidence that John is going to work directly under me and will give me one-hundred percent cooperation.

With kindest personal regards, and sincerest best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Andrew J. Goodwin, Director,
Department of Public Safety and
President of the International
Association of Chiefs of Police

AJK/AD
May 22, 1936

Mr. Andrew J. Evensong,
Director,
Department of Public Safety,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Andy:

Upon my return to the city I received your letter of May 5, 1936, and appreciate sincerely your expressions of commendation for the Bureau’s recent investigative accomplishments.

I have noted that Pete Leonardi and John J. Byrnes, alleged members of the “Purple Gang,” are now in Miami Beach. I regret to advise you that neither Pete Leonardi nor Harry Gillis has any criminal record as indicated by the files of the Identification Division of the Bureau. As of possible interest to you, I am attaching herein the criminal records of Joe Byrnes and Willie Byrnes.

See Amberg. I regret to advise you, does not have any criminal record as indicated by the Bureau’s Identification files. I am, however, attaching hereto a copy of the criminal record of Anthony Garsanto, alias “Little Augie,” who is undoubtedly identical with the individual he states you refer.

I hope these enclosures will be of some assistance to you.

With sincere personal regards and hoping that I may soon see you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures

Identification Division

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MAY 24, 1936

[Signature]
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
450 Post Office Bldg.,
Dallas, Texas.

May 6, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith an editorial
taken from the DALLAS TIMES-HERALD of May 5, 1936.
This editorial is captioned "Harrie Comes to Justice,"
and was written by B. C. Jefferson.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
MAY 9, 1936 A. M.
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
KARPIST COMES TO JUSTICE

ALVIN KARPIST—"Old Creepy" to the underworld—yields his rank as Public Enemy No. 1 to a successor, as yet unnamed. Karpi's capture by federal agents in New Orleans marks another important victory for the "G-men" and increases the public's confidence in that branch of the national government.

Criminals like Karpi have revealed the impotence of local authority. The underworld knows no state boundaries. A dangerous gangster can move faster than state or local police. If they kill or capture him, look to their side, and their work is more a matter of circumstance than of well-organized effort. A man of Karpi's caliber has the odds on his side unless a nation-wide manhunt can be organized against him. That is what Director J. Edgar Hoover of the department of justice bureau of investigation did, and it was certain to bring results sooner or later.

Another decade of the federal agents' work should bring this country nearer the example of England, where the certainty of arrest and punishment leave no hope for the criminal.
May 12, 1936.

Mr. F. C. Couch,
Editor in Chief,
Times-Herald,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Mr. Couch:

I have just read the editorial entitled "Marple Comes to Justice," which appeared in the May 8, 1936, issue of the Times-Herald. I want to express my sincere appreciation for the complimentary statements which you so generously make concerning the accomplishments of this Bureau. I sincerely hope that our endeavor to obtain a creditable improvement in the crime situation will continue to meet with your approval.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

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Dallas
Communications Section
May 12, 1936

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

This is sent you for the sole purpose of offering to you my earnest and hearty congratulations upon the splendid achievement accomplished under your personal leadership by the "O" men acting in accordance with your instructions which resulted in the recent arrest of Karpis, Campbell and Walsh. It is most encouraging to the law enforcement officials of the country to know that a man of your efficiency and integrity is in control of the Federal law enforcement and your new attainment in effecting results will surely serve as an incentive to each person engaged in preserving the peace and order of the nation.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes for your continued success, I am.

Sincerely yours,

MILES A. CUDDEF
Superintendent of Police.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
May 24, 1936

Mr. Elmer A. Widdowson
Superintendent
Providence Police Department
161 Fountain Street
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Superintendent:

I have received your letter of May 6, 1936 and want you to know how deeply appreciative I am of your approval of this bureau's recent good fortune in apprehending some of the better known criminals.

It is indeed a sustaining factor to those in the bureau to know of your confidence in our efforts to obtain an improvement in the crime situation, and the success that will ultimately be gained will, in a large part, be due to the fine cooperation which is received from our police department.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Field Agent

MAY 25 1936

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Dear Sir:

You and your F.B.I. boys are to be congratulated. You made a clean sweep of the gang's desperado trio: Kerbis, Mahan, and Lombell. Here's wishing continued success.

An ardent admirer—Joe Pollock.
May 15, 1935,

Mrs. Joseph Pollack,
5717 Holmwood Avenue,

Dear Mrs. Pollack:

I have just received your postal card dated May 4, 1935, expressing your congratulations for the recent appointment of Alvin Karpis, William Sulzer and Harry Campbell by Special Agents of this Bureau.

I want you to know how deeply I appreciate your kind words of encouragement. Such expressions of confidence compensate for the long hours of work.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.
J EDGAR HOOVER
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

CONGRATULATIONS GREATEST PIECE OF POLICE WORK YET AND ALSO
SWELL IDEA TO GIVE STORY OUT WHERE IT OCCURS BEST WISHES

SYD LIVINGSTON, NEW YORK JOURNAL

MAY 11, 1936

RECOMMENDATION

Telegram may be telephoned to Western Union from any private or pay-station telephone.
Mr. Ed Livingston,

The New York Journal
New York City

Dear Mr. Livingston,

I have received your telegram of congratulations relative to the capture of Alvin Karpis in New Orleans, and want you to know how deeply appreciative I am of the kind expressions contained therein.

It really makes us feel that the many hours of hard work which must necessarily be performed in cases such as this are more than compensated for when we know of the interest in and approval of our efforts on the part of the public-spirited citizens of our country. Your telegram is a source of real inspiration to us here in the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

With expressions of very best regards and good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

May 9, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:-

I am transmitting herewith an editorial from the Miami (Florida) Herald of May 7, 1936, entitled "Kurpis", which contains commendatory references to you and the Bureau. Mr. Frank E. Stoneham is editor of the Miami Herald.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Nathan,
Special Agent in Charge.

Enc.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FILE
From the Herald, Miami, Florida, May 7, 1926

KARPIK

They're terrible public enemies who are built up to heroic proportions by publicity and weak, fearing to expose them, they are wrong when they fall against them. They are daring when they have the drop on unarmed victims but they regard their own lives very highly when the gun is aimed at them. They may be clever at avoiding detection and capture, but they may be slow in tracking them, but eventually it catches up.

Alvin Karpis, kidnapper, alleged murderer and bandit, declared he would never be taken alive. He was—in New Orleans without firing a shot. Suddenly faced by J. Edgar Hoover, and his federal department of justice agents, Karpis meekly surrendered.

To the St. Paul, Minn., he scribes to the cold, he hides his face from the camera, he cravenly cracks up under questioning and confesses the $100,000 ransom kidnappings of Edward G. Bremer, banker, and William H. Munro, brewer. Characterized as America's most desperate criminal, he turned out to be very tame indeed.

When Karpis saw the game was up, he may have been moved by thoughts of the late Mr. D. H. Fenger, who was shot in his tracks. It may be suspected that the G-men were rather surpised.

That Karpis did not make some attempt to flee or fight as the G-men have in the past, the prompt execution. That is one certain method of ending American criminals Karpis had served other sentences, been refused by the federal law. Now he faces a couple of life terms. He is known, while there is life there is always possibility of release.

Miami is gratified at his capture, although it does deprive us of our winter visitors, who enjoyed the climate and fishing. But we can get along very well without such customers and their women. Congratulations go to the officers responsible.
May 14, 1936.

Mr. Frank L. Baker
Editor In Chief
Miami Herald
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Baker:

My attention has been called to your editorial entitled "Purple," which appeared in the Miami Herald on May 7, 1936.

I want to thank you for the commendatory reference which you made to the success of this Bureau in its recent prosecution of Alvin Karpis.

I was particularly pleased with the manner in which you avoided any glorification which might have surrounded this individual merely because of the title of "Public Enemy No. 1" had been publicly attributed to him.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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May 8, 1936
P.O. Box 921

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

Dear Mr. Hoover-

Permit me to take the liberty of writing you concerning the splendid work which the Federal Bureau of Investigation has accomplished during the past ten days. In spite of a good deal of adverse criticism the department has carried on under your able guidance and the whole nation will realize the value of your work. My hearty congratulations are yours. Carry on.

Since Mr. Purdue resigned from the department I have been much disturbed at his thirst for publicity. It seems to me that it is unbecoming to his intelligence and the good work that he has done in the past. I sincerely hope that others of the F.B.I. will not follow in his footsteps on that score.

Surely the success of the department in apprehending the violent element during the past year or two will prove a means of dampening the ardor of others who might have like ambitions. I look for the time to come when the name of the F.B.I. will strike terror to the hearts of criminals - far more so than Scotland Yard has ever done. I am much interested in the scientific phase of criminology and enjoy very much the thought that you have approached crime and criminals from that angle.

Wishing you the greatest success in your work,

Yours very truly,

Mr. W. Jervis, Chemist.
May 14, 1936.

Mr. W. B. Jarvis,
Post Office Box 921,
Marshfield, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Jarvis:

I have received your letter of May 6, 1936, and want to express my sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness in writing to extend your congratulations on the Bureau's recent good fortune in apprehending major criminals.

It is indeed encouraging to receive such an expression of confidence and I hope that our work will continue to merit your approval.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,
In view of recent events, I thought you might care to see this clipping. Congratulations.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Newspaper Name]
Valdosta, Ga.
Groans and Guesses
By Joe Davis
Among the most successful of the G-men, Mr. Hoover himself, took the lead in the arrests.

Arrest of A. L. Harpers, the man who wrote Hoover a letter threatening him, who directed at least two major kidnappings, who was charged with murder, robbery, extortions and other crimes against the law of the land, who boasted his way in his J. V. D. A. with blazing guns from a police trap in Atlantic City last year and who is the recognized leader of one of the worst gangs of hoodlums in the nation was taken without a struggle in New Orleans last week by the G-men led by their chief.

Harry P. Campbell, companion of Harpers in the shooting at Atlantic City and his companion in accomplishing in numerous crimes and kidnappings, was taken yesterday in Chicago by G-men, again led by their chief. There was only a little resistance to arrest.

William Mahan, brains behind the horrible kidnapping of the lady who were arrested in San Francisco yesterday. Mr. Mahan was arrested in San Francisco yesterday. His plan was to get $100,000 ransom paid by the lady's family for his safe return.

The family remains the half-sister of Thomas J. Robinson, were the subject of a kidnapping in Tennessee a few months ago who was returned to her home at the payment of a huge ransom. Robinson said to be traveling about the nation, a trusted figure in woman's clothing, afraid of his very shadow, will soon be taken, you may be sure, that for the G-men have him marked for their very own.

Since the G-men began their drive against criminals sometimes, the theme song for public enemies, might well be "going down the valley one by one, "as sometimes they are going two by two.

Among those wiped out, or put out of circulation have been such figures as, Machine Gun Kelly, John Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson, Gene Tunney, George Mccarthy, Harry Vann, Milton, Mr. Bubba, and "silk's spawn of a son, and many others.

Among other works of the good for the law and order of the nation, that the G-men's success in bringing about is the fright that is being inspired in the minds of those, who might like to be termed public enemies or public rats, as the G-man chief would have them called. The psychological effect is beginning to be felt.

For instance, a news story from New Orleans, states that yesterday, Alfred (Red) Hanifin, arrived there from New York, and surrendered to the United States marshals because he was arrested in the way the G-men have been tracking down criminals, had been in flight since last November as a member of one of the largest dope smuggling rings ever discovered in the southern crescent.
Mr. Joe Davis,
Valdosta Times,
Valdosta, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Davis,

I have received your letter dated May 3, with which you enclosed an editorial entitled "J-Bird and Their Success," which appeared in the Valdosta Times of that date.

I want to sincerely thank you for your thoughtfulness in calling this to my attention. It is indeed gratifying to note the commendatory statements made in this editorial concerning the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Parkinson
Mr. Thomas
Mr. Houston
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clark
Mr. Coley
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Parry
Mr. Jones
Mr. Joseph
Mr. Lee
Mr. Jackson
Mr. Johnson
Mr. Turner
Mr. Price
Miss Greer

On - Atlanta

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
May 9, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I desire to congratulate you upon the good work done in capturing Karpis. It seems a little strange that one having the extensive duties that you have should take the field in person, but I think it is an example of sterling leadership to your men and particularly a showing that when the supposedly most dangerous enemy is to be captured you go into the field yourself, and take every risk that you ask the men to. I believe the nation is particularly proud of you at the present time.

The night after we learned of the capture I went into the Sheriff's office in Reno to see how the deputies were taking it. They were delighted. The Sheriff was not there but I have since seen him. His entire office is enthusiastically trying to give you every possible support. A man here went into a lingerie store, looked over some women's apparel, finally bought a woman's night robe. He kept looking at the back door. The people who owned the store were talking to friends and the friends spoke of "Robinson". The storekeepers thought the man looked like him so the Sheriff's office and the police force were out all night and had a little excitement of their own hoping they were going to get him. However, the man when captured proved to be only a "dope fiend" and "nut".

There was also a rumor that Mahan was coming this way and the Sheriff's office was extremely active. I keep in pretty close touch with the Sheriff's office because they are friends of mine and they are I am quite sure extremely enthusiastic not only in their own local work but in cooperating with your department in every way possible.

I hope that you may soon have Robinson, Kahan, Campbell and others of the most sought after public enemies.

I thought you might like to know the things in this
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letter and I am writing entirely in a spirit of friendship and cooperation.

I am also reading your articles in the American and find them not only interesting but extremely instructive.

Very truly yours,

ADA/p

[Signature]
Mr. Albert B. Ayres,
Ayres, Gardiner and Paine,
Counselors at Law,
First National Bank Building,
Reno, Nevada;

Dear Mr. Ayres;

I want to thank you for your letter, dated May 5, 1936, in which you offer your congratulations upon the capture of Alvin Karpis. I was pleased to learn that the news of the capture of this criminal was so enthusiastically received in the Sheriff's Office in Reno, and I am deeply appreciative of the support which that office has given to this Bureau.

I am glad that you have enjoyed my articles appearing in The American Magazine.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.
Mr. John Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, District of Columbia.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I am a young man seventeen years of age and I am in my freshman year at Brooklyn College. Your group's method of working has incited my American blood to a feverish temperature and recently with your capture of Alvin Karpis and his aide, you surpassed all bounds. I know that my congratulations to you would seem as mountains beneath the celestial bodies as compared to the thanks that these whole United States render to you.

Now that I have rendered my thanks, I would like to ask of you whether a four year college training is necessary before I can have any chance of getting into your ballistic division. I have never had any chance to take up ballistic itself, although I have done some rifle (.22) shooting along with a little revolver practice. I did this shooting at the 108th Engineers' Armory under the supervision of Lieutenant H. C. Cohen. While shooting, I noticed all the spiral grooves that ran the length of the bore. This began my interest in ballistics. I obtained a book from the Peters Ammunition Company on "Visible Ballistics", and read it straight through. The subject is one of fascinating content.

In my college course, I shall major in art. The closest I can come to ballistics is in the drafting course that is given in collaboration with art. I hope I am not asking too much if I ask you to send me some information about the government ballistic bureau.

Yours very truly,

Henry M. Kelley

[Signature]

MAY 19 1936
May 16, 1936.

Mr. Henry L. Polley,
1159 Jackson Avenue,
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Polley:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 9, 1936 and to thank you for your communication of this Bureau and its work.

In connection with your inquiry concerning qualifications for firearms identification work I wish to advise that it is not possible to definitely outline a course of instruction to qualify one for a position in the Technical Laboratory of this Bureau. The personnel of the Laboratory, in addition to university training in physics, chemistry and other sciences, have had additional training in the particular phase of the work in which they are engaged.

For your interest I am enclosing two pamphlets entitled, "Development and Admissibility of Ballistics and Firearms Evidence" and "Firearms Evidence at the Scene of Crime".

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure (11500080).

MAY 16 1936
P.M.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Postoffice Box 514,
Birmingham, Alabama,
May 7, 1936.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a mimeographed copy of an editorial which appeared in the Birmingham News of May 6, 1936, concerning the capture of Alvin Karpis by the Bureau.

This editorial was written by Mr. Osborn Zubor, staff writer for the Birmingham News. The publisher of the Birmingham News is Victor H. Hanson, who is Chairman of the Board.

Very truly yours,

Z. P. Guinan
Special Agent in Charge

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MAY 22, 1936

MAY 11, 1936
The Capture
Of Alvin Karpis

The G-men have closed again in their fight on crime. Alvin Karpis, the most
sought criminal in the country, has been captured, and without the firing of a shot.
Though he is said to have boasted that he "wouldn't be taken alive." So perfectly
planned and executed was the federal
agent's design. Under the personal
direction of J. Edgar Hoover, head of
the Department of Investigation, Karpis did
not have a chance to make a show of
resistance.

Karpis, wanted in connection with two
notorious kidnapings, a mail train robbery
and the slaying of a Muscogee sheriff, was
the last on the list of the most notorious
criminals who were the special objects of
the G-men's activities in the last two or
three years. Now he and one of his men,
Fred Muster, have been overtaken by the
same relentless forces that have put an end
to the criminal careers of John Dillinger,
"Pretty Boy" Floyd, "Baby Face" Nelson
and scores of other criminals.

There is not now remaining at large a
single criminal of such notoriety as Dillin-
gar, Floyd, Nelson or Karpis. But of course
there are always criminals to be captured,
and it is announced that now William Mac-
ham has moved to the top of the federal
agents' "wanted" list.

The capture of Karpis comes with special
significance in view of the criticism which
was recently directed against the federal
agents in Congress. A few representatives
and senators sought to make a considerable
reduction in the appropriation for the fed-
eral agents, and in their arguments they
habitually the accomplishments of the G-men.

The great majority in Congress are aware,
however, as the American public is aware,
that the great good that the federal agents
have done, and the full appropriation was
wasted. The capture of Karpis, coming just
at the time, is a vindication of the judgment
of those members of Congress who stood up
for the G-men.
CUTTING THEM DOWN

Alvin Karpis may or may not have been Public Enemy No. 2—the G-men say he wasn't so far as they're concerned—but he is unquestionably a thoroughly dangerous creeek. His arrest by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is another feather in the much-befrocked cap of that remarkable organization.

It also is gratifying to note that the arrest was accomplished without the firing of a shot, so thorough and secret had been the preparations of the federal agents. In fact so quiet had the whole affair been kept that officials of the bureau in Washington got their first information that an arrest had been planned from the men on the scene in New Orleans.

Quite aside from its spectacular elimination of a series of dangerous criminals, the Federal Bureau, under Mr. Hoover's direction, has been instrumental in restoring public confidence in the strength and length of Uncle Sam's traditionally long arm.

It is clear that more and more an aroused public opinion, acting through police departments of many sorts, has come to the rear in this country. Professional crime of the Dillinger-Hamilton-Nelson-Karpis school is becoming too risky. Men and women of the underworld have come to dread and fear the remorselessly efficient machine which has been built in Washington for their destruction. That is a good thing of which to maintain.
Testimonial to the Department of Justice

SAY - WHO ARE PUBLIC ENEMIES NO. 1 AND 2 NOW?
Federal Bureau of Investigation  

K. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Drawer "W",  
Plaza Station,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

May 9, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

For the information of the Bureau, there is enclosed a very favorable editorial on the work of the Bureau contained in the Danville, Illinois Commercial News under date of May 7, 1936 entitled "PUTTING THEM DOWN".

Special Agent (s) G. A. Stevens of this office, who was in Danville on other matters, personally met Jack Williams, City Editor of the Commercial News, and found him to be very friendly toward the Bureau and several agents whom he knows personally.

It is believed that the Bureau will desire to direct a letter to Mr. Williams commenting on his favorable article. During Agent Stevens' conversation with Mr. Williams the latter advised that his first name is Jack.

Very truly yours,

\[Signature\]

JAY A. OWEN

Special Agent in Charge.

JUN 11 1936

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

MAY 11 1936

U.S. DISTRICT COURT

PAPER ONE OF JOSEPHINE
preserved

E. C. Hewes
Editor
The Commercial News
Danville, Ill.

Joseph (more)
4236

we send in delegates
at E. C. Hewes
5--21--34
T.V.
May 26, 1934

My attention has just been called to the editorial entitled "Wishing Them Luck," which appeared in The Commercial Review on May 7, 1934.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the complimentary statement which you make concerning the accomplishments of this bureau. I am particularly pleased with the credit which you accord our work in restoring public confidence in law enforcement. With the assistance of a cooperative public, a tremendous improvement in the crime situation can be gained in the years to come.

I am taking the liberty of placing your name on this bureau's mailing list to receive future editions of Uniform Crime Reports and other publications which are periodically released.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

[Date: May 27, 1936]

[Stamp: Communications Section, F.B.I.]

[Stamp: Federal Bureau of Investigation]

[Stamp: U.S. Department of Justice]
May 9, 1936

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Heartiest congratulations upon your continued success.

Thought you might be interested in seeing the enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

(George Barton)
Thanks to the C-Men

In their capture in less than a week of the three topnames on the list of public enemies, J. Edgar Hoover and his famous C-Men have given the Nation a thrilling exhibition of efficient police work and have handled organized crime a severe jolt.

With the arrest of Karpis and Campbell, the last figures in the notorious Karpis-Barker band of bandits and kidnappers have been rounded up. The arrest of Mahan cleans up the Weyerhaeuser kidnapping case in the Northwest.

It is notable that all three men, careerized criminals, were taken without the firing of a shot. The quick trigger work of the Federal men in other stalls has evidently impressed upon the criminal mind the suicidal folly of trying to outshoot the C-Men. Fugitive lives have found it healthier to go along quietly instead of risking for a gun.

The exploits of the last week have wiped virtually clean the slate of waged kidnappers. The abduction of Mrs. Alice Dallilah of Louisville, Kentucky, in 1934 is still on the Federal Bureau of Investigation books. The agents know who kidnapped Mrs. Dallilah—Thomas McGinley, Jr.—and he may be sure, wherever he is hiding, that they will not give up until he, too, has been taken.

Until the C-Men stepped into the picture, tracking down with almost incredible success one criminal after another, kidnapping had become a thing of dread in this country. The Lindbergh crime had brought horror and fear to parents everywhere. The succession of abductions engineered by murderous criminals for huge ransom had become one of the major rackets.

Then, out of an obscure unit in the Department of Justice, was built the crime-fighting organization that the country has come to know as the C-Men. That organization has smashed the kidnapping racket in this country. It deserves the sincere thanks of the American people.
A GUESS THE OLD BOY HAS A RIGHT TO FEEL A BIT COCKY.
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May 14, 1936

Mr. George Hartman
Philadelphia Enquirer
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Hartman,

I have received your letter of May 9, 1936, with which you enclosed an editorial entitled "Thanks to the G-Men" and a cartoon entitled "Guess the Old Boy Has a Right to Pecul & Hit Company" which appeared in the May 9, 1936, issue of the Philadelphia Enquirer.

It was very thoughtful of you to bring these to my attention and I want you to know how appreciative I am of the complimentary statements in the article concerning the accomplishments of this Bureau. I hope that our work will continue to merit the confidence which has been editorially expressed in your paper.

I also want to thank you for your personal congratulations.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Medc Hooten

Philadelphia

Communications Section

MAY 13 1936

P. M.
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Hoover:

I acknowledge your letter of April 26 with enclosure of your address, "Patriotism and the War Against Crime."

I have been very much interested in this and also the editorial comments of various newspapers upon your attitude. I am enclosing herewith editorial which appeared today in the Indianapolis Star.

With best personal wishes,

I am

Sincerely yours,

Philip L. Hutz, Jr.,
Attorney General.

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MAY 21 1936 P. M.
PUBLIC WITH G-MEN

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May 21, 1936

Honorable Philip Lake, Jr.,
Attorney General,
State of Indiana,
Indiana,

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

I have received your letter dated May 20, 1936, with which you enclosed a copy of the editorial entitled "Public With 0-Top," which appeared in the Indianapolis Star, Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 20.

I want to sincerely thank you for your thoughtfulness in bringing this editorial to my attention. It is indeed encouraging to observe the editorial approval which is accorded this Bureau's endeavors to obtain an improvement in the crime situation.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Communications Section
Mailed
MAY 22 1936
May 25, 1936

Mr. Charles R. Hoote,  
a/o Bank of Illinois,  
Old Post Office Annex,  
Bellefonte, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Hoote:

I have received your postal card dated May 9, and want to express my appreciation for your commendatory statements concerning this Bureau's recent accomplishments in apprehending some of the major criminals. It was very thoughtful of you to write to me.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

[Signature]

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PUBLIC WORKS OF INDIAN TERRITORY  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
May 9, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed is an official copy of this Year's conference program.

I want to thank you very kindly for all the favors you have shown towards us in helping put our program across.

I also want to congratulate you and the men of your Bureau for the splendid work which they have accomplished in the past week in ridding the country of criminals.

If our association can in any way help you with our program, kindly advise at any time.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Sam Ryerson, Jr.,
Sam Ryerson, Jr.,
State Sociologist.
May 19, 1926.

Mr. Sam Nyerson, Jr.,
State Sociologist,
Department of Public Welfare,
Springfield, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Nyerson:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of April 27, 1926, with which you enclosed copies of your letters to Mr. Oscar Dahl, Jr., Rockford Boys' Club, Rockford, Illinois, and to Mr. B. R. Leidy, Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago office of this Bureau, relative to the address which Mr. Laid was scheduled to give at the Rockford High School on May 12. I also wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 9, enclosing a copy of the program for the Fifth Annual Conference on Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency which was held in Rockford on May 12 and 13.

Please be assured that it has been a pleasure to cooperate with you in connection with these two programs. I was sorry that Mr. Laid could not attend. Inspector L. C. Schiffer has advised me of the pleasure he derived from giving the high school address. That I have heard about the Rockford conference indicates that it was very successful.

It was very thoughtful of you to offer your congratulations upon the Bureau's success in apprehending some of the major criminals.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC CHICAGO
CC MR. SCHIFFER
May 9, 1936.

J. E. Hoover,
Director,
P.S.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

We are much pleased in saying the address made before our local Chamber of Commerce, May 4, by D. M. Ladd, was well received by a full house, the youthful appearance, straightforward talk made many of them wish they could listen an hour longer.

Mr. Ladd informed us that the blanks, for the civil identification files, would be mailed from your office, and at the same time please send any instructions regarding the handling of them.

All officers, and law abiding citizens, honor you and your men for the very excellent job of cleaning-up the "big shots" and especially the last three "catches".

We again offer our co-operation to your Department.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Mike C. Graf, Sheriff

Mike C. Graf.
5547 Kales Avenue
Oakland, California
May 5, 1936

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Chief of Justice Department
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have chosen you as the proper authority to whom to submit an idea that came to me recently and one — according to my limited depth of thinking — that might prove to be efficacious in dealing with criminals. I refer to such desperados as Alvin Karpis and others who have caused the erasure of all doubts concerning their criminal careers.

It is my suggestion that the last initial of said criminal be tattooed on the back of both of his hands, branding him for life and being a means of identifying him should he make his escape.

Both hands should be tattooed; one could be bandaged, but if both bore his initial and were in bandages continually it would cause suspicion.

I hope that you will think favorably of my idea and will bend Karpis.

My congratulations for the wonderful work you and your department are doing.

Very sincerely yours,

(Miss) Grace A. Peters
May 15, 1936

Miss Grace A. Pfister,
5547 Kale Avenue,
Oakland, California.

Dear Miss Pfister:

I have your letter of May 5, in which you suggest that well-known criminals should have their initials tattooed on the backs of their hands, as a means of positive identification.

It was very thoughtful of you to make this suggestion and I shall certainly keep it in mind.

I want to thank you for your commendatory statements concerning the accomplishments of this Bureau.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.
WESTERN UNION

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J. EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION US DEPT
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ACCEPT MY HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS FOR YOUR CAPTURE
OF ALVIN KARPIS

R L JONES CHIEF OF POLICE

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May 4, 1936.

Mr. E. L. Jones,
Chief of Police,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Chief Jones:

I have received the telegram which you so thoughtfully sent me, extending your congratulations upon the capture of Alvin Karpis. I want you to know how deeply grateful I am to you for your very kind expressions. The hard work which such a case demands is more than compensated for when one receives such a fine telegram of appreciation such as you sent, particularly since it comes from one mutually interested in law enforcement.

With expressions of my very best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
May 4, 1936.

Mr. Harry Gusack,
The Park Central Hotel,
1900 F Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gusack:

I have received your congratulatory message relative to the capture of Alvin Karpis. I want you to know how deeply appreciative I am of your interest and approbation. It really makes one feel as if the long hours of toil have indeed been worth while when such an expression is received from his friends.

With expressions of my best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

[Address]

[Signature]

[Address]
Henry Buseck
Your case write... Caesdon please to listen Congrats
JAMES H. FERRIE
17302 LAVERNE AVENUE
CLEVELAND, OHIO

May 9, 1937

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

Sir:

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you on the successful outcome of the search for Kordis.

As a father and as the Police Chief I am very much interested in this matter. For the Kordis Gang habituated a dwelling within a few hundred feet of my own home, endangering my children. Several times, while on duty, I had occasion to send squads of Police officers after this criminal.

Let me once more reiterate my deep gratitude for what you have done, and I extend to you the most heartfelt congratulations.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Ferrie
Chief of Police
Thirteenth Precinct

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MAY 2, 1937
May 15, 1936

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Mr. James E. Farris,
Captain of Police,
17322 Laurna Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Captain Farris:

I have received your letter of May 9, 1936, and wish to express my sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness in sending congratulations on the recent apprehension of Alvin Karpis by this Bureau.

It is indeed encouraging to receive such expressions of appreciation, and I sincerely hope that the work of this Bureau will continue to merit your confidence and approval.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
nian, uncle! Upon personal obection and I am as pleased at your success as I would have been had I been a member of your efficient force who captured him.

Our radio station in Pittsburgh for once gave credit where credit was due when it announced the capture under your personal supervision.

With kinder regards and sincere wishes for
Very truly yours

[Signature]
May 4, 1926.

Mr. James Jones,
1106 Pearlawn Avenue,
Dunvant,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Jacks:

I have just received your letter of May 1st relative to the capture of Alvin Karpis, and want you to know how deeply appreciative I am of the kind expressions contained therein.

It makes one feel as if the many hours of hard work which such a case demands are indeed worth while when such a thoughtful friend as you takes occasion to make such commendatory remarks.

With expressions of my best regards, I am

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover
May 5/38

Dear Mr. Hoover:

"Congratulations" to you personally, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

A splendid job well done.

In fact some one said: "If you want a good job and well done, do it yourself."

That certainly was true in the capture of Earp.

I glory in your determination to succeed against the terrible odds.

Sincerely & fraternaly,

Jos. W. Leverton (E)
May 5, 1936

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Congratulations to you personally, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A splendid job was done. In fact, some one said: "If you want a good job, and need done, do it yourself." That certainly was true in the capture of Bruno Hauptmann. I glory in your determination to succeed against the terrific odds.

Sincerely and gratefully,

Jos. M. Polk
Mr. Joseph O. Levinsen,
1572 - 16th Street, Northwest
Washington, D.C.

May 7, 1936

Dear Mr. Levinsen:

Thank you very much indeed for your kind letter of May 3, 1936, with respect to the apprehension of Alvin Earps by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I deeply appreciate your commendatory statements relative to the work of this Bureau. It is a source of such gratification to know that public spirited citizens such as yourself take an interest in what we are trying to do to curb organized crime throughout the country. It was very good of you to write to me.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director,
WESTERN UNION

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May 6, 1936.

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Dear Mr. B. I. Schleidener,

320 Hilland Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

I have just received the telegram which you so thoughtfully sent me, extending your congratulations upon the capture of Alvin Karpis. I want you to know how deeply grateful I am to you for your kind expressions. It is a real sustaining factor to me to know that I have the appreciation and support of public spirited citizens such as you.

With expressions of my best wishes and kindest regards, I am.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Western Union

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J Edgar Hoover

Dept Justice Wash Dc

Just heard flash you caught Karpis in New Orleans

Congratulations

Mr & Mrs Pettijohn and Virginia.

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Gent.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
May 11 1936 P.M.

U.S. Department of Justice

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Mr. Charles of Pettijohn, Metropolitan Picture Producers and Distributors of America, Inc.,
20 East 41st Street,
New York City.

Dear Charlie,

I have received the telegram from Mrs. Pettijohn, Virginia and you, extending your congratulations upon the capture of Alvin Karpis. I must you to know how deeply grateful I am to all of you for your thoughtfulness. To receive such a fine telegram from one's friends really makes it seem as if all the hard work performed in this case is more than compensated for, and it is a real sustaining factor to me to know that I have your appreciation.

With expressions of my very best regards to each of you, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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THE HONORABLE J EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR F B I

OUR HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO OUR GREAT AMERICAN HERO ON THE SUPERB VICTORY OVER CRIME WHICH WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY AS YOUR BRAVE AND MASTERFUL ACHIEVEMENT AS WILL THE MANY OTHER VICTORIES YOU HAVE SCORED FOR US ALL

A J DREXEL BIDDLES

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MAY 13 1936
May 5, 1936.

Lieutenant Colonel A. J. Drexel M.D.
112 Drexel Building,
Fifth and Chestnut Streets,

Dear Colonel:

I have received your fine telegram of congratulations relative to the capture of Alvin Karpis, and want you to know how deeply grateful I am for your kind expressions.

It makes one feel as if the many hours of hard work are more than compensated for when such a kind friend as you takes occasion to express himself in such a heart-warming manner. Your approbation means a great deal to me.

With expressions of my very best regards to you and your family, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edwin Norris

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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Leo Green, W.
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J EDGAR HOOVER

FED BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE CONTINUED SUCCESS OF YOU AND YOUR
DEPARTMENT IN MAKING AMERICA A SAFER PLACE TO LIVE IN

J PAUL KNAPP

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MAY 13 1936
Mr. J. Paul Brown,  
Councilman  
Delaware County Police Schools,  
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.  

Dear Mr. Brown:

I have received the telegram which you so thoughtfully sent me, extending your congratulations upon the capture of Alvin Karpis. I want you to know how deeply appreciative I am of your kind expressions. To receive such fine words of commendation from such a public-spirited citizen as you really makes me feel as if the many hours of hard work which have been performed in this case are more than compensated for.

With expressions of my very best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Sheriff's Office, Crowley County
Henry G. Adams, Sheriff

Ordway, Colorado.

May 8th, 1936.

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

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of May 6th, 1936 in regard to
making and examination of the check that has been turned over to
me which I think is a forgery.

I will explain the forged check as I think it was worked out
by

We referred to the City Directory and found nobody listed by
that name.

Then I went to the police headquarters and also to the sheriff's
office with the same result.

Hoping the enclosed specimen will be sufficient to determine
whether this is all on the up set up.

In closing I wish to congratulate you and your men on the
wonderful work your department has done in apprehending the three
notorious criminals you have captured the last few days.

Sincerely yours,

MAY 14 1936
Henry G. Adams
Sheriff of Crowley County.
May 11, 1936.

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Your letter brought me decided disappointment, although I had hardly any reason to suppose that you would be able to speak at New Haven, Connecticut; although I am sure you would have had as large an audience as you have had in any part of the country.

First, please allow a mere citizen in the very lowly position to congratulate you on the very clever management of the apprehension of Earplo. Although I note in the press that you still consider "Enemy Number One" not yet captured. I much enjoyed your statement regarding politics and justice.

The suggestions which you have made are excellent but they are, of course, related to much that we have already tried to do through those agencies that work with and for the betterment of youth. I would add one other matter that is very important, especially in this state and that is the care of the feeble-minded who walk our city streets and live their lives among us as well as those over-brilliant people who have not had their energies directed in the proper channels.

You are very good to offer us a speaker from your department, but may I say with all confidence in you and your judgement, that I never have yet engaged a speaker without having heard or met him, and I am willing to come to Washington for the sake of meeting the speaker or such members of your department that you think might speak, or go to any place where I may hear someone. Pardon me for being so frank, but upon
one occasion, we were rather unfortunate in the selection that was made. The speech was excellent, but the personality of the speaker was not agreeable to the audience. This may seem to you a rather trivial criticism and if I could tell you exactly the impression made, I feel sure you would agree with what I have said.

Your speech is magnificent and I am sure to read it again tonight for if you are willing I shall make use of one or two paragraphs giving, of course, to you the credit.

With regret that I must trouble you to write another letter but feeling the great importance of this matter for my New England Conference, which will have as its subject, Youth Today – Citizens Tomorrow. You will quickly understand my feeling.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Emily Louise Flomley.
Mr. John Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

May 21, 1936.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Before anything else, I want to assure you that this letter requires no reply. You have just about enough on your busy hands without being obliged to correspond with an old woman who is taking a new lease on life because of activities such as yours. When I wrote congratulating you in relation to the Karpis capture, you were personally on the spot rounding up the remainder of the gangsters and you certainly bagged the game you were seeking. However, you do not need me to tell you that your success and the landing of the great Zeppelin Von Hindenburg are the outstanding thrills of the moment. This is not my sole reason for the second letter; the actual circumstance being as follows:

As you are well aware, Great Britain has her Scotland Yard and, judging from several items of fact and fiction, it functions most ably. So, I am good. My idea is that although your department is designated very definitely and properly, but when I think of the efficacious results you have attained, I believe we should have an established, permanent, national organization that will go down in history just as Scotland Yard has done in the British Isles. Nor do I desire to be a copy cat, but as this country is the dumping ground for the worst type of criminals from all quarters of the globe, it requires supermen, super-activities and should be supported to the last ditch. What I am driving at so clumsily, is born of a remark I read and which was attributed to you: It was concerning the interference and kindredness of politics in attaining best results. I am only one citizen, and I know, all too well, that politics can pull the planks on the most emergent situations, but it is my fervent desire to do my bit towards spreading the propaganda and making it an issue just as soon as possible. I have been granted honorary membership in this and that society, club et cetera, but what do any of them do towards strengthening a great organization such as yours? I nearly lost my standing a short time ago when some of the women of a symposium were praising the British methods of crime investigation and capture. That was before your magnificent bag of the Karpis bunch. I replied to the dame that while I had no adverse criticism to make in the case of Scotland Yard, that we must remember that one of our large states could put England in its vest pocket, while here the breadth of the United States alone was approximately four thousand miles. This, I added, must be secured by our own crime investigators and that if that body had one fractional part of the support accorded Scotland Yard, it would be able to function to such a degree that criminals would soon learn that their hideouts were not clue-proof by any means. Then, right on the back of this argument, along you come with the season's most sensational capture, and the end is not yet. While the cinema is most outlandish in its presentations, still it is making people — especially youth — crime-prevention minded. G-Men versus G-Men is the outstanding feature of such plays, i.e. Gun-Men versus Government-Men.
I happen to be one of those orthodox Americans who are strongly averse to aliens flocking to this country and bringing all the criminal tendencies with them. It is obvious to politicians find some sort of usable material in this pernicious gang, so that is one of the reasons I believe I can be instrumental in lending my feeble aid to the cause, especially at a time when conventions are in season. I shall use what little ability I may have in making this crime prevention an issue in my efforts to influence all and sundry who come under my notice. It is too long a story to tell, and you know it by heart anyway, but I am convinced that most intelligent persons who have no axes to grind, will agree that one of the most important phases of American life, happiness and security is bound up in the old establishment—with adequate appropriation—of your Bureau and that appointments should be affected without the least interference of any political faction.

As I said, I am old and may not be here very long, but if there is one privilege I earnestly desire, it is to live long enough to see this department function without hindrance. You have not only my good will, but my thanks and appreciation in your magnificent efforts. Please do not think I am trying to underrate Scotland Yard, but we have "the makins" as the boys say, right here in this country, and I refer especially to you and your well-drilled staff.

Very best regards,

Geneva Viola Wolcott

Geneva Viola Wolcott.
May 7, 1936.

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On April 26th, last, we the carriers of the Post-Telegram, made our third trip to the Bureau, this trip being the most enjoyable of all. For we were able to see the Bureau in action which was rather thrilling to us.

I have noted that the Bureau has progressed much more rapidly this year in apprehending the fugitives from justice who were at large. As I read the evening paper today I saw that two more of our criminals have been taken. I congratulate you on your keenness in directing the Bureau in such an efficient manner. Without the services of the Bureau I believe that the percentage of crime in this country would be rather high.

Very truly yours,

Howard E. Allen, Jr.
May 16, 1936

Mr. Howard E. Miller, Jr.,
67 Colonial Avenue,
Bridgewater, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Miller:

I have received your letter of May 7, 1936, and want you to know how grateful I am for your complimentary statements concerning the accomplishments of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and my administration of it. I sincerely hope that our work will continue to meet with your approval.

I am glad to know that you found your last trip through the Bureau the most enjoyable of the three which you have made and hope you have an opportunity to call on us again.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,
Mr. John Edgar Hoover,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Congratulations upon your recent capture of Karpis and Mahan. I know that you feel your reward is the knowledge that you have done a great service to the people of our country.

My best wishes for your continued success and kind personal regards.

Yours truly,

W.J.S.H.

Mayor
May 20, 1923.

Honorable William J. Norbeck,
Mayor,
Medina, Wisconsin.

My Dear Mayor:

I want to thank you for your letter dated May 9, 1923, containing congratulations for the capture of Alvin Lapidus and William Makos.

It is gratifying to know that this Bureau has your support, and such expressions of appreciation compensate for the long hours expended in the serious work of law enforcement.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover.
Blackburg, S.C.
May 2, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In my very humble way I wish to congratulate you for the capture of Alvin Carps without firing a shot. In my opinion this is one of the best pieces of work that has been done by your Department.

You are to be congratulated for leading your men in the capture of Carps. And I feel sure that you are not the type of man that would ever commercialize upon your record with The Department of Justice. Luck to you.

Sincerely yours,

S. C. Neal

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DIRECTOR F.
May 4, 1936

Mr. C. O. Neal
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Neal:

I have just received your letter of congratulations concerning the capture of Alex Furgis, and want you to know how deeply appreciative I am of the kind sentiments contained therein. When public-spirited citizens such as you take occasion to let us know of their approval, it really makes us feel as if the long hours of toil which must necessarily be performed in such a case are more than compensated for.

With best regards, I am

Cordially yours,

[Signature]

P.M.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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May 11, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

As of possible interest, there is attached a copy of an editorial entitled "Unfavorable Piage," which appeared in the May 3, 1936, issue of the Washington Post.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director.
An Inexorable Fate

The capture of Alvin Karpis and John D. “Doo Doo” Dibert 1933
regarded as a notable victory for law enforcement. The "Little Masterminds"
are believed to have committed over 100 bank robberies and
crimes which are currently "busted down" in the United States. They were
be stopped thanks to a secret plan.

When such a public enemy is properly identified and captured without a struggle
there is good reason to believe conclusions drawn upon by Robert
Hunter and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

To fully appreciate the significance of the
work this Federal agency is doing, however,
are not so certain. Karpis and Hunter are only two of many criminals that have been
busted behind bars. The record of the F.B.I. to date leaves little
doubt that the law will catch up with
them.

It is the certainty that these marked men
will meet an appropriate doom that is im-
potent. One dramatic capture is only an
incident. But a systematic and intelligent
campaign against interstate robbers, which
makes the downfall of every outlaw in this
category a virtual certainty, is an effective
blow at the heart of organized crime. To
intercept that work by densing the F.B.I. with
additional men and equipment, as one writer
recently proposed to do, would be the
greatest service that America could render
to the men of the underworld.
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Congratulations! The capture of Campbell, regardless of what channels, is commendable to your department.

From your FBI magazine that your department puts out each month, it is plain for me to see your attitude towards politically operated police departments. Toledo in the long run shall profit by your visit. It has done much to bring before the eyes of Toledo the true picture of her police force. I, of course, am not connected in any manner with Toledo, our village being an exclusive residential section just West of Toledo. However, I do have a rather full understanding of its police problems and its personnel. Your bureau already knows the true conditions that have been existing there for years. Your recent activity, I suppose, has been a surprise to some who thought they were beyond the approach of the law.

Carry on.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

May 11, 1936

[Address]
MAY 20, 1936.

Mr. W. P. Gillis,
Chief of Police,
Lassen County,
Oroville, California.

My dear Chief:

I must thank you for your letter of May 11, 1936, in which you extend your congratulations upon the recent appointment of

Harvey Campbell.

The public must be made to realize that politics must play no part in law enforcement and as long as a politically run police department exists in a community, that community will be overrun with lawlessness.

Needless to say, your letter was deeply appreciated.

With best wishes and kin regards,

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Blessedly yours,

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FILE
To: Sir

May 4, 1936

Dear Judge Hills,

I have just received the telegram which you so thoughtfully sent me relative to the capture of Alvin Karpis. I want you to know how deeply grateful I am to you for your very kind expressions. The many hours of hard work which such a case demands are more than compensated for when one receives such words of appreciation from a friend, indicating his interest in the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

With expressions of my very best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
May 11, 1936

REMEMBRANCE FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I thought you might be interested in a copy of the attached copy of the editorial entitled "Fingerprints Trap Karps," which appeared in the May 3, 1936, issue of the Boston Daily Express.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
MAIL:

MAY 11, 1936

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FILE
FINGERPRINTS TRAP KARPIUS

Efficiency of the methods of the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, was spectacularly demonstrated last night in the arrest at New Orleans of Alvin Karpis, wanted over the country as Public Enemy No. 1. Edgar Hoover, head of the bureau, led the Federal agents in the roundup of Karpis and his companions, who, Mr. Hoover said, had been shadowed for two months by his agents.

Fingerprints by Karpis were found on a gasoline can and flashlight dropped by the Druer kidnapping mob. This coup by the Bureau of Investigation adds justification to Mr. Hoover's initiation of a fingerprinting department in his bureau. Criminals will find it increasingly difficult to escape from the long arm of the law, especially when they break Federal statutes. The fingerprint records kept at Washington are at the moment the most complete of their kind in the world.

Federal men, however, are merely at the beginning of their work along this line. They have several million fingerprints on file, but they expect to get millions more. Any citizen can be fingerprinted and have the record placed in the extensive files. These records are not necessarily for the detection of crime. They are invaluable also in cases of disappearances or in accidents, when persons may be rendered unconscious and there may be no means of establishing identification.

Many citizens already have availed themselves of the opportunity to have their fingerprints on file. If Mr. Hoover's hope that many more will follow will be fulfilled, the Bureau of Investigation merits high praise for its work in trapping Karpis and his pals. They are the kind of men that Mr. Hoover refers to as "rats." Criminals face great odds when they pit their skill against the resources and scientific methods employed by the Bureau of Investigation under the direction of Mr. Hoover.

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J. EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR BUREAU'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

LIEUT EDW. BURKE,
Ernst & Ludwig Co., 1028 AM
Richmond, Va.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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May 4, 1936.

Dear Lieutenant Burns,

I have received your telegram extending your congratulations upon the accomplishment of the Bureau in effecting the capture of Alvin Karpis. I want you to know how deeply grateful I am to you for your very kind expressions. The many hours of hard work which such a case demands are more than compensated for when one receives such words of appreciation from a friend such as you.

With expressions of my very best regards and good wishes, I am,

[Signature]

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Mr. Proctor
Mr. Tubman
Mr. Bingham
Chief Cook
Mr. Cogd
Mr. Bailey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Sprouse
Mr. Porter
Mr. Johnson
Mr. Bailey
Mr. Lewis
Mr. Adkins
Mr. Taylor
Mr. Trace
Miss Smith

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DIRECTOR J EDGAR HOOVER

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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J EDGAR HOOVER

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

PLEASE ACCEPT MY CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR LATEST BIT
OF FINE WORK STOP SINCE MY RETURN HAVE BEEN SINGING THE
PRAISES OF YOU AND YOUR MEN TO EVERYONE WHO WOULD LISTEN
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
May 7, 1936

Mr. R. Cortes
331 S. Foothill Road
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Mr. Cortes:

I have received your fine telegram of congratulations relative to the capture of Alvin Karpis, and want you to know how deeply grateful I am to you for your kind expressions.

It makes one feel as if the many hours of toil which such a case demands are more than compensated for when a friend takes occasion to express himself as you have done. It means a great deal to me to know that I have your approval.

I do hope you will have occasion to be in Washington again in the near future and that I might have an opportunity to see you and talk with you at that time.

Mr. Oslin asks me to reciprocate your very kind regards.

With expressions of my very best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

MAY 6 1936
P.M.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
May 2, 1936.

Dear Mr. Hoover—

I have been reading about your remarkable role in capturing another public enemy and wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you and your entire department.

[Signature]
You certainly are doing wonderful work in eliminating the Nation's gangsters one by one—

With my very best wishes for your continued success—

Yours truly—

Geo. F. F. Judd.
HOTEL LOUIS JOLIET  
Joliet, Illinois  
114 - 11th Street  
Racine, Wisc.  
May 2, 1936.  

Dear Mr. Hoover --  

I have been reading about your remarkable work in capturing another "public enemy" and wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you and your entire department.  

You certainly are doing wonderful work in eliminating the Nation's gangsters one by one --  

With my very best wishes for your continued success --  

Yours truly --  

Geo. F. Hurst, (R)  

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
MAY 15 1936  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  

[Signature]
Dear Mr. Fabris,

Thank you very much indeed for your kind letter of May 9, 1936, expressing your congratulations upon the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the apprehension of Alvin Karpis. It was very kind of you to write to me and I appreciate it very much.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director.
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

May 11, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith an editorial clipped from the Miami (Florida) Herald of May 7, 1936, relative to the recent apprehension of Karpis and Campbell.

Mr. Frank E. Stoneman is editor of the Miami Herald.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

R. B. Nathan,
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Caught—This man J. Edgar Hoover and his agents are busy. This time they crack down on Harry Campbell, remaining member of the Karpis-Barker gang. Found in Toledo with his wife. Again no resistance. Taken to Cleveland, flown to St. Paul to join his pal, Karpis. J. Edgar has been his captures there won’t be any distinguished public rage hit. Nor his future for ambitious gangsters. Block-A-\footnote{Crime, Incorporated, has turned mean. His one industry America would like to see amased.}\footnote{Supply—However, there is usually a fresh supply. Bandits robbed the bank at Wakelee, Ala., and kidnapped the president, Buck Sharp, who was later released. Telephone lines cut. Robbers are quite thorough. Efficient in the commission of crime. Not so efficient when faced by the armed law.}
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J. EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION US DEPT
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CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR LATEST ACHIEVEMENT THE
CAPTURE ALVIN KARPIS

GRiffin CHIEF INSPECTOR

LETTER
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Mr. William F. Griffin,
Chief Inspector of Detectives,
Police Department,
Memphis, Tennessee.

Dear Inspector Griffin:

I have received the telegram which you so thoughtfully sent me, extending your congratulations upon the capture of John Erapia. I want you to know how deeply graceful I am to you for your very kind expression.

The many hours of toil which such a case demands are more than compensated for when our efforts are successful as you did in your telegram.

With expressions of my very best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Mr. William F. Griffin

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY - 6 1936
P. M.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
May 7, 1936

Mr. Richmond

Dear Mr. Jones,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my gratitude for the assistance you have provided me in the past. Your kind-hearted nature has made a significant positive impact on my life. I am truly grateful for your support and will continue to strive to live up to your expectations.

Sincerely,

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J. E. Hoover and son

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Richmond, 0 F
May 25, 1936.

Mr. E. L. Harvey,
707 North Seventeenth Street,
Richmond, Virginia.

Dear Mr. Harvey:

I have received your letter of May 7, 1936, and want to express my sincere appreciation for your commenda-
tory statements concerning the accomplishments of this Bureau and my administration of it. Such an expression of approval is certainly a source of great encouragement.

I am particularly grateful for your concern over the welfare of the Special Agents of this Bureau.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.
MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

May 14, 1936

I thought you might be interested in reading the attached copy of an editorial entitled "Early Yellow! Of Course," which appeared in the New York Daily Mirror on May 1, 1936.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover, Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Mr. Hoover, head of "G-Men" says Karpis "went yellow" when guns were trained on him, in fact, he quoted Mr. Hoover verbatim: "He (Karpis) was so damned scared he couldn't talk. Karpis shook all over, his voice, his hands, and his knees. He is a dirty, yellow rat."

That need surprise no one. The kind of man that will shoot down defenseless men, when he holds the gun, is naturally "yellow." It takes a broad streak of yellowness to murder an unarmed man.

Karpis, who boasted that he would "never be taken alive" was taken with the greatest of ease, when he saw guns, pointed the wrong way. He almost wept with fear, when he found himself chained to the seat of the airplane that carried him from New Orleans north.

Cowards except the most brutal of them, that first get themselves "cooked up," and then fight, not with their own, but with cocaine courage.

The fact that they are cowards makes them sell each other out. Five thousand dollars bought the life of Dillinger. It is more than probable, whether the Government thinks it wise to say so or not, that another cash bribe brought in Karpis.

It is an excellent suggestion that the Government keep, always standing, bribes of five thousand dollars for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anybody guilty of murder, or any serious crime, for instance, bank or mail robbery.

With such rewards constantly standing, criminals would be gathered in, on an extensive scale and the Government would save money.