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Confidential Report

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To---W. D. P., R. Z., & L. B..

From---D.D. Mayne

Subject-----J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Dept. of Justice

"A"---John Edgar Hoover, born Washington, D.C., Jan 1 st. 1895---son of Dickerson N.

& Annie M. (Scheitlin) Hoover---LLB, George Washington Univ. 1916; LL.M. 1917; 111, 1935

; 11d, Pa., Md., Coll., N.Y., Universities 1936; Westminster Col. 1937, D. Se., Kalamazoo, Cal.

1937-----Began practice Washington, D.C., 1917---Special Asst. to Attorney General, U.S. to 1924

1919---1921; Asst. Director Bureau of Investigation. 1921; ~~XXXX~~; Director Federal

Bureau of Investigation-U.S. Dept of Justice-1924.

Lt. Colonel, Military Intelligence Division, Reserves, U.S.A.-----Trustee George Wash-

ington University ----Awarded Distinguished Service Medal by BOYS CLUBS of AMERICA

for services on behalf of BOYHOOD of America & his crime prevention work 1936.

Awarded Medal of Achievement by Pennsylvania Athletic Club of Philadelphia, Pa 1937---

Gold Medal by National Institute of Social Services N.Y. City., for distinguished services rendered to humanity-1937--

Life membership, International Assn. for Identification. International Assn. Chiefs

of Police & has membership in many Police, Sheriffs, and other Law Enforcement

associations-- Is a member of Kappa Alpha; Omicron Delta Kappa Zeta Sigma Pi;

International Assn. for Identification; Commander ROYAL ORDER CROWN OF RUMANIA;

Presbyterian---Mason-K.T. Shriner---Clubs, University; Columbia Country; Metropolitan;

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*****LOW DOWN*****Up until the time J. Edgar Hoover "took over" the Directorship of The Federal Bureau of Identification and Federal Bureau of Investigation, he had never investigated one single case in the FIELD---He was never an Investigator, but was solely an attorney, with No practice when he evaded the draft in 1917, by being secreted within the Department of Justice---His only Military Service is with the U.S. Reserve, as a Lt. Colonel, Military Intelligence..

Hoover's rapid advance to the Directorship may be attributed to three distinct things

1 st---He is a handshaker, and records show him to be a champion "white-washer" when

his Department is called upon to investigate something smelling strongly of polit

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as a reference see/ SUB FINANCE Committee report Jan 10 or 11 th/, in Re-

Confirmation of Fred A. Bradley, Collector of The Port of Buffalo N.Y., in which testimony Hoover made certain damaging admissions of OMISSIONS in the conducting of the investigation in Buffalo, N.Y.,---charges that Bradley had appropriated some \$240,000.00 to his own use in a GRAIN STEAL---Lord O'Brien then Asst. Atty. General also testified as to the integrity of Bradley---Hoover finally wound up his admission of neglect of duty by saying "That he had been ordered to proceed as according to his testimony because of ORDERS from HIGHER UPS," however his testimony disqualified him as Director of that Bureau, because his admission placed him as an accessory to the crime if one had been committed...

#2---As two of his chief assistances in Criminal Procedure---heat dispensers---are Louis LOEBEL---An Austrian Jew, criminologist---and a Mr. Black, whose first name I have not at this moment---Loebel, is an exceptionally (criminally) intelligent person, with the foresight of a Jew, an undermining tendency---Hoover has kept this man for Political investigations, where it is necessary to enact a political liquidation---cashiering agents who know too much---poopooing informants and their information---Example the Kansas City R.R. Station Massacre---The Dillinger escapade---The Lindberg Murder & Kidnapping---***When a Chief of a Bureau in Washington wants to get rid of his Chief Clerk---or the chief clerk wants to get rid of the chief of the division---as the case may be---charges are filed with J. Edgar Hoover against the offending party (Office Politics) and the heat dispensers get the job of CASHIERING the party under investigation---anything from spitting on the side-walk to drinking beer without first blowing off the foam---may result in summary dismissal of the offender---The best one however on record was a "plant" in Hoover's office---It appears that a certain young and energetic investigator, was progressing along the lines of criminal investigative career, when it appeared to Hoover that he knew too much---therefore a partially filled bottle of liquor and a pink pair of ladies drawers (I should say step-ins) were planted by another agent in the offending officer's desk---Hoover himself made the investigation---the startling disclosure of the bottle and pants, where-upon he called the offender into the sanctum-sanctorum

#2---continued---and dismissed-----In my own personal experience with The O G P U I came out on top--the fight being on my own dung hill, and surrounding territory..

#3---The third and prime reason, and on whose or which laurels Mr. Hoover is now resting was that of a certain Mr. GRAVES and old employee of the Dept. of Justice who at his own expense and time was the first to perfect a means of finger-print identification and classification-----Hoover permitted this loyal employee to work endless hours (it was a hobby with Graves) to perfect the most striking bit of service---exceptional I would call it---which at the present time comprises the most elaborate and finished division of that Federal Bureau of Investigation---Mr. Graves was FIRED as a token of respect by Mr. Hoover---Hoover took all of the credit for the years---not months---of work and intelligent effort---and to-day speaks with pride of HIS BUREAU of Identification and finger-print classification----- His greatest bid for publicity occurred at the International meet of Foreign & U.S. Police executives at which time it was arranged for an exchange of identifications (fingerprints)...

POLITICS-----He was a good Democrat under The Wilson Regime--a better Republican under the Harding--Coolidge--Hoover--Regime--and a REAL up and at 'em Democrat, and NEW DEALER--under this Squirrel head Administration---He has assisted, aided and abetted the new administration in every instance in double-crossing all of the faithful--of the old guard, and has finally seen them all out in the snow....

EXPOSE-----The handling of the Lindberg Case alone should have been enough to cause his dismissal---The Dillinger case was yet worse from an investigative standpoint--Dillinger was NOT hard to locate--But he would not take the information where he could find it---He caused the loss of lives of Agents of his Department rather than take well intended and accurate advice gratis, from Ex-Agents and public spirited citizens-----

Hoover belongs in the same CLIQUE with BURLEW of The Interior Dept (Personnel), and HARPER -personnel Kerlin, Dept. of Commerce (Personnel---Elmer IREY / Treasury Dept---Intelligence Div---Harry Anslinger---Dir. Narcotic Bureau ---they all work together--If a man becomes "in bad" thru political (Office) reasons and is dismissed--He carries a BLACK BALL with him forever so far as employment is concerned --he is liquidated---

Hoover is a Trustee of George Washington Law College in Washington, D.C., from which institution he draws his personnel---I am not in a position to say how much Hoover draws down from the University for services rendered---but I do know it has become a racket---furthermore he REQUIRES that a Special Agent must BE A LAW GRADUATE or its equivalent----

Jim Farley requested Hoover's resignation in 1935 I believe--not sure of date-- Farley made the suggestion at a cabinet meeting at the White House---Cummings who was then Attorney General told the President that he might have his resignation if Hoover's were demanded----

Intrigue---sabotage---unfair politics---and the old fashioned "frame up" is mostly blamed for Hoovers rapid rise to the top----He will be the chief AXE MAN---forever-- unless MURPHY can get rid of him---However he(Hoover knows more about Murphy than Murphy does about Hoover---Hoover knows the GAMBLING STORY IN DETROIT----The Commissioner of Police raided all gambling houses-----Murphy, by financial arrangement, saw to it that the big shots paid \$10.00 fines and the little fellows \$5.00 and a return of gambling equipment----One of them now in Washington--St.George-- who was sitting in the offices 306-307-308 when Babp removed furniture--told me the whole damned story on Murphy---therefore altho attempted removals may be heard, Murphy will not remove Hoover----

Waldrop--of the City Desk of The Herald -Times--is Hoovers Publicity Agent---He (Waldrop) kept Hoover on the front Page thru continued articles for the better part of a year--AND KEPT HOOVER'S JOB for him-----

SENATOR McKeller of Tenn.. is the only one who ever really "got the dead wood on Hoover--"---Hoover was investigating the Senator---The Senator found out who and what in that case---prefered charges for having pilfered his office files---He and Hoover are the best of friends now.....

NOTE----I am working on THE JEW ANGLE on the Scheitlin side (mother's) of Hoovers parent's family---There may be something there----

If I get any more dope on the situation I will gladly forward it---

Respectfully submitted

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