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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL.

For some time, as you know, I have been considerably concerned over the confusion in identity of the Division of Investigation of this Department with the Division of Investigations of the Department of Interior. In the public minds there exists considerable confusion concerning the difference in these two organizations. I felt that the action of the Department of Interior in selecting a name so similar to the name of this Division was unfortunate to the extreme. Since they adopted that name their representatives have made no effort to point out that they are representatives of the Division of Investigations of the Department of Interior, but they seem to stop after they have identified themselves as being Special Agents of the Division of Investigations and many complaints have been made here concerning actions and activities of representatives of that organization because in the minds of the public there seems to be but one Division of Investigation, which is the one attached to this Department.

I believe it would be next to useless to approach the Department of Interior with the proposition that they should change the name of their Division of Investigations. I believe that there is basis for the belief that they selected that name with the deliberate desire to capitalize upon the standing and prestige of our Division of Investigation.

Consequently, I am submitting for your consideration the desirability of changing the name of our Division of Investigation to "Federal Bureau of Investigation". This Division was known as the Bureau of Investigation from 1902 to 1933, when it was changed to the Division of Investigation on the consolidation of the Bureau of Prohibition and the Bureau of Investigation. I think that a name as I have suggested would be distinctive and would differentiate sufficiently between the two organizations which now bear almost similar names. Should the above suggestion be looked upon with favor, I believe that it could be accomplished by the issuance of a short Executive Order by the President.

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
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Respectfully,
J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director.



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