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Personal

Mr. C. B. Winstead,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Winstead:

I have been advised by Mr. Purvis and Mr. Cowley that it was you who shot and killed John Dillinger. I wanted to write and to express to you not only my official, but my personal congratulations and commendation for your fearlessness and courageous action in this matter. We are all indeed proud of you. It is particularly gratifying that Dillinger was shot and killed by one of our own men. I am informed that the manner in which you handled yourself on this occasion was indicative of the usual calm, deliberate and at the same time fearless manner which has reflected itself in your work since you entered the Division.

I wanted you to know that I did personally, as well as officially, appreciate the effort and application which you have given to this case from its inception, and in particular your courageous act of last evening, in shooting and killing this notorious desperado.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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