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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Mr. Quinn called the writer this morning and requested that a memorandum be submitted as to when the practice of giving copies of photographs taken of the Training and Retraining Classes of the FBI, originated.

The writer advised Mr. Quinn, at the time, that this practice had been in effect ever since he had been in charge of the Publications Section, which has been for the past several months. The writer also advised Mr. Quinn that he would get in touch with Mr. Hugh Clegg to ascertain if he could determine the date.

Mr. Hugh Clegg advised that he knew these pictures had been given to each member of the Training Classes for some time, but he did not know exactly how the practice originated.

The writer discussed the matter with the various Supervisors assigned to this Section, and ascertained from Mr. McArdle that he received a picture of his class, which began on November 19, 1934, and that he saw similar pictures in the possession of various agents of the class which preceded his. Mr. J. E. Clegg, another Supervisor assigned to this Section, advised that he came into service with the class of March 25, 1935, and that pictures were given to each member of his class.

However, in connection with the foregoing, all of these pictures were taken at Quantico with the exception of the recent photographs of the two classes of Chief Clerks and the last Retraining Class of Agents, which completed the retraining course on Saturday, November 30, 1935.

Mr. Quinn also requested the writer to ascertain how Special Agent R. T. Mann of the last Retraining Class, secured a photograph of the Director sitting at his desk.

The writer was advised by Mr. Pieper that, in his endeavors to interest various members of the Retraining Classes in the Bureau's Library and activities of the Publications Section, he had brought Special Agents in the Retraining Classes down to the Library from time to time, showing them what was available and what type of work was going done in this Unit. Special Agent R. T. Mann was taken through the Library and shown the photographs, at which time he made inquiry.

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as to whether or not it would be possible to obtain an autographed photograph of the Director. Mr. Pieper advised him at that time, he thought it would be possible but that the photograph would necessarily be taken to Mr. Clegg for approval. Accordingly, Special Agent R. T. Mann and Mr. Pieper submitted the Photograph to Mr. Hugh Clegg, explaining to him that Special R. T. Mann was desirous of having the photograph submitted, autographed by the Director for his personal use. Mr. Hugh Clegg advised Mr. Pieper and Special Agent R. T. Mann that he would submit the same to the Director. Nothing further concerning the matter, has been done by the Publications Section.

The writer is desirous of ascertaining if the foregoing practices and procedure are agreeable.

Respectfully,

(Signed) R. E. Joseph.

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