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*Kelley,
Director
Clarence*

September 27, 1976

Dear Mr. Murphy:

On behalf of the President, I wish to thank you very much for the letter in support of the President's decision in regard to Director Clarence M. Kelley of the FBI.

Your helpful interest and concern are much appreciated.

Sincerely,

**Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President**

**Mr. William A. Murphy
3208 Centenary Drive
Dallas, Texas 75225**

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September 27, 1976

*Kelley, Clarence
Director, FBI*

Dear Mr. Thomas:

On behalf of the President, I wish to thank you very much for the letter in support of the President's decision in regard to Director Clarence M. Kelley of the FBI.

Your helpful interest and concern are much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Danny Thomas
The Equitable Life Assurance
Society of the United States
Post Office Box 2295
Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401

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PWB-9 (Rev)



Mr Philip W. Bushen
Counsel to the President
Dear Mr Bushen:

Since I am a died-in-the-wool
Food barker, I think the explanation
you sent me is reasonable. He was a great
believer in Hoover as a strong man & leader
of the F.B.I.

There was another subject that tripped me off,
and that was the incorrect spelling of
my name, though I had corrected that
with the correspondent man. My name
is North (RAUGHLEY) and according to
the Cambridge Press there is a town in that
country named after my family.
So you can understand how I would strongly
object to Roughley.

Sincerely yours

Wm C. Roughley

Sept 24 1976
Hawthorn-Belden Road
Pine Pa 19124





Mr Philip W. Bushen
Counsel to the President
of White House
Washington
D.C.

Wm. C. Partridge - Kentworth - Golden Park Park Pa 1914

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September 29, 1976

TO: NICK MERLINO

FROM: EVA DAUGHTREY

More FBI Director letters.

Thanks.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

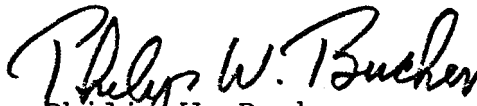
September 29, 1976

Dear Captain Rankin:

In behalf of the President, I am acknowledging receipt of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Peace Officers Association.

The President very much appreciates your support of Director Clarence Kelley of the FBI.

Sincerely,


Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Captain Alvin H. Rankin
Secretary-Treasurer
Louisiana Peace Officers Association
725 Fairlawn Drive
Gretna, Louisiana 70053

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Alvin H.
(Buchen)*

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LOUISIANA PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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CHIEF OF POLICE
WEST MONROE, LA.

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DEPUTY SHERIFF
LAKE CHARLES, LA.

O'NEIL TYLER
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS
CHIEF OF POLICE
ST. MARTINVILLE, LA.

September 24, 1976

President Gerald R. Ford
White House
Washington, D. C. 20525

Dear Mr. President:

Attached hereto is a copy of a Resolution which was unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Peace Officers Association at the meeting of their Executive Board on September 11, 1976, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, which is being brought to your attention inasmuch as the Board thought it would be of interest to you.

Respectfully,


Captain Alvin H. Rankin
Secretary-Treasurer

Attachment

file

60 High Plain Road
Andover, Massachusetts 01810
September 29, 1976

Mr. Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President
United States Government
The White House
Washington, D? C.

Dear Sir:

It was good of you to send along your informative reply, copy enclosed, and supporting statements to explain the position of the Office of the Presidency with respect to C. M. Kelly Director of the FBI. Director Kelly's ethical example appears to be at variance with that required.

This has been made worse by the Presidency failing to respond in accord with the requirements of the Federal Constitution's goal.

It seems agreeable that its principal goal is to provide the people with a government whose ethical content is better than that of the people who comprise it. This is inferred from a principal characteristic of the Constitution tho it has been lost to sight generally.

It seems agreeable also that there is a multiplier effect with respect to the degree of authority that any given person holds. The higher that authroity, the more people subject to it and aware of it, then the less the transgression the more those under the authority feel "justified" in committing or over looking transgressions of larger amount but of lower place on the scale.

If the top man can become involved with a penny that does not belong to him and have the Presidency not only condone it but "justify"it, then a person much lower on the scale can excuse much larger wrong doing by himself and his associates.

This may explain, in part,



P.W. Buchen
Counsel to the President
United States Government

9-29-76

why Washington government is looked upon as even less than ordinary. It does explain, or reveal a lack of concept of what the Federal Constitution's goal is in the area of domestic government and its relationship to ethics and how it is to be obtained.

This is disturbing.

Faithfully and respectfully,



Karl Haartz

Privilege separates people
Liberty unites
them

Copy to Presidential Candidate J.E.Carter
Also to New York Times Associates
J. Reston, T. Wicker, W. V. Shannon



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 13, 1976

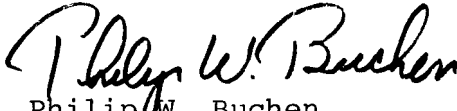
Dear Mr. Haartz:

In regard to your letter to the President in which you have registered criticism of Director Clarence M. Kelley of the FBI, I am enclosing a copy of the statement by the White House Press Secretary which was issued September 4, and a statement on the same subject issued by the Department of Justice.

This information explains the President's conclusion, and I trust you will take time to consider the reasons for the President's support of Director Kelley.

Thank you very much for your interest and concern.

Sincerely,


Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Karl Haartz
60 High Plain Road
Andover, Massachusetts 01810

Enclosures



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Mr. Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President
United States Government
The White House
Washington, D. C.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Director
Kelley*

September 29, 1976

Dear Mr. Boone:

In response to your letter to the President concerning Director Kelley, I am enclosing material which, I hope, will explain the conclusions reached by the President concerning the Director.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen
Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Ms. Ora Boone
982 Farnum Avenue
Flint, Michigan 49503

Enclosures



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critic of Kelly

Flint Mich

Sep. 17-1974

Dear Mr. Ford

Enclosed is some

c/s-da
News items + Etc. that I thought
you should view in as much as
you have white washed Mr. Kelley
the same as you did Tricky Dick
when Kelley got caught with his
hand in the cookie jar and I am
as a tax payer and Voter cannot
see your reasoning to license
Kelley to steal from the tax payers
just because his wife was dying with
cancer at least that is the only
reason that you gave to the Public
a crook is a crook in any
ones category



What a Politician would do for
his buddy in trouble

In my judgement your requested
investigation from attorney General
Edmund Levi into the Kelley thefts
or misappropriations was a Phoney
The likes of just such actions
by you Politicians my friend is
why 70 Million Voters are turned
off and unless Mr. Carter can
arouse the Public these People
still will Not Vote this November
try as you may to discourage me
I will be there with my 72 years
and cast my ballot

Yours for better Government
by some honest People

48503 Ora Boone 9827 Farmington
Flint Mich



Constant writer.

See attached.

Harshing
J.

DANIEL F. GARDE
Consultant
1225 EAST 28th STREET
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(212) 377-2848

Kelley
Director
Clarence

September 30, 1976

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Hon. Gerald R. Ford
President of the U.S.
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Ford:

Confident that the truth behind all the ballyhoo about
FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley's alleged misconduct in
office should be a matter of keen interest to you, I am
happy to send you the enclosures.

Sincerely,
Daniel F. Garde
Daniel F. Garde

Enclos.: Copies of :

- Letter from Attorney General Levi dated 9/25/76
- Letter to Mr. Levi dated 9/30/76
- Open letter to Mr. Jimmy Carter dated 9/30/76
- Open letter to Publisher Arthur Ochs Sulzberger 9/29/76
- ~~X Justice Department release of Sept 4, 1976.~~

I am sure you have seen the release of 9/4!

*Now the "dirty fool" had are at it
smearing you - for playing golf with friends
as all do who play golf! The stinkers!*



Hon. Gerald R. Ford
President of the U.S.
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Mr. Edward T. Thompson
Editor-in-Chief
Reader's Digest
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Mr. Clarence M. Kelley
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Attorney General, U.S.
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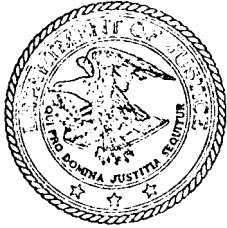
Mr. Jimmy Carter
The Carter Plantation
Plains, Georgia

Mr. Hedley Donovan
Editor-in-Chief, TIME
Rockefeller Center
New York, N.Y. 10020

*Dear Mr Ford
Copies of my
personal photographs
your copy of course
attached to this
mailing list
Thank you
John Malone*

Copies:
Among others,
to the above. D.G.





Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C. 20530

September 25, 1976

Mr. Daniel Garde
1225 East 28th Street
Brooklyn, New York 11210

Dear Mr. Garde:

I appreciate your taking the time to express your views on certain gifts and services received by Clarence M. Kelley, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I am enclosing a statement about this matter released by the Department of Justice on September 4, 1976. The statement summarizes the Department's position. I hope you will find it of interest.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Edward H. Levi

Enclosure



DANIEL F. GARDE
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Sept. 30, 1976

Hon. Edward H. Levi
Attorney General of The United States
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Levi:

Thank you very much indeed for your thoughtfulness in sending me your gracious letter of September 25, 1976, and the enclosure thereto, which I most certainly did find of true interest.

That enclosure, the statement released by the Department of Justice on September 4 last, summarizing the Department's position, I plan to disseminate to a few of those on my correspondence list that I think would be better informed by knowing of its contents.

Sadly, too many have already judged fine men like Mr. Clarence M. Kelley on the basis of newspaper ballyhoo, and never get to see or hear the real truth when such has been filtered out, because truth and goodness do not have much sensation value, and are accordingly not very salable to large segments of our Nation's news media.

Again, your consideration in writing and making this revealing information available to me is indeed very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Daniel F. Garde
Daniel F. Garde



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Open letter to

September 30, 1976

Mr. Jimmy Carter
The Carter Plantation
Plains, Georgia

Dear Mr. Carter:

You depend so much on the newspapers for information, and give the impression of having such contempt for those who stay in their offices in Washington, I wonder if you or those helping you with your campaign have ever considered the validity of seeking authoritative sources for your commentaries about the F.B.I. and its Director.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a letter from Attorney General Edward H. Levi and enclosure thereto. The latter is a press release scheduled for release Sept. 4, 1976, before you made your now famous declarations about how you would have fired Mr. Kelley. (Before knowing the facts). After all the false ballyhoo in the newspapers about Mr. Kelley's alleged involvement in corruption and misconduct, the Justice Department release of their findings enumerates in detail how probers found his behavior " persuasive of Mr. Kelley's integrity".

Too bad you did not read the facts, instead of newspaper scandal-mongering, before passing judgment. We all make mistakes, as you have made repeatedly clear, and it is not too late for an apology on this one.

Sincerely,

Daniel F. Garde
Daniel F. Garde



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(212) 377-2848

Open letter to

September 29, 1976

Mr. Arthur Ochs Sulzberger
President and Publisher
The New York Times
229 West 43rd Street
New York, N.Y. 10036

Dear Mr. Sulzberger:

Do you not suppose that historians will one day regard it exceedingly strange, just as do those who are now aware of the facts, that with all the enormous information-gathering power of a publication such as the New York Times, like others of its color, apparently never missing an opportunity to spread the tiniest morsel of unfavorable garbage about the FBI, its reputation, or that of its Director, it can not - or will not come up with and/or print easily obtainable TRUTH about that subject matter (except through one printed letter to the Editor).

Recently, campaigning Jimmy Carter shouted across the rooftops of the world that he " would have" fired FBI Director Kelley - - on the basis of what he had read in the newspapers ! What an unfortunately misguided man ! One newspaper in your metropolitan community had just carried the headline in two inch high letters " Prober to Levi : FIRE KELLEY ".

Mention one word that has been put forth in your pretentiously honest, pretentiously objective sheet, to set the record straight, to do justice to this seriously aggrieved man , so that potential leaders of this great Nation will not be so grossly midled by what they read in the press (My letter published 9/19 excepted).

Read the enclosed letter from ^{the} Attorney General and its enclosure, and ask yourself if it be possible that the great New York Times, with all of its resources, could have been not capable of obtaining a copy of that enclosure. That enclosure contains a message of truth that cries out for publication !

As a decent public service, can it be true that the N.Y. Times could not have found someone among its prolific writers of propaganda and slanted news, to write a little piece based on the enclosed news release STATING THE FACTS, in an effort to make small restitution for the wicked wrongs that have been done to Mr. Kelley? After all the ballyhoo in the newspapers about Kelley's alleged corruption and misconduct, the Justice Department release of their findings enumerates in detail how, even in little things, they found his behavior " persuasive of Mr. Kelley's integrity."

The enclosure should be read by your editorial board, and in the absence of some corrective action on its part, which is still not too late, though tardy, then let them live on, having read it IN SHAME !

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Sincerely,
Daniel F. Garde
Daniel F. Garde



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WHITE HOUSE MAIL
RECEPTION & SECURITY
OCT 4 1976
Expressed by 1

Hon. Gerald R. Ford
President of the U.S.
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Personal attention



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WASHINGTON

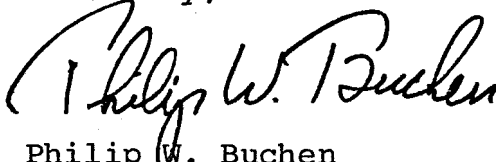
October 4, 1976

Dear Mr. Garde:

On behalf of the President, I wish to thank you very much for the letter in support of the President's decision in regard to Director Clarence M. Kelley of the FBI.

Your helpful interest and concern are much appreciated.

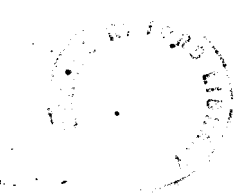
Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Daniel F. Garde
1225 East 28th Street
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Handwritten note:
Garde
10/10/76



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Sept. 16, 1976

to Sept 27

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Hon. President Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Ford:

Your recently reaffirmed support for
Director Clarence M. Kelley in his efforts to
lead and strengthen the F.B.I. is both
courageous and admirable.

I am confident that history will
endorse the wisdom of your judgment.

It is my prayer and honest hope
that the Leader of this great nation
have constantly at his side the grace
and strength that come only from
the benevolent hand of the Lord, in the
awesome task of decision-making.

Sincerely,

Daniel F. Garde
(F. B. I. Agent 1941-1973)



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Kelley,
Director*

October 8, 1976

Dear Mr. Gissen:

In your letter of September 24, you call my attention to points raised in your earlier letter to which you have had no response.

I can assure you that the Attorney General is carefully reviewing all charges made against the FBI and CIA employees. Also, existing guidelines for the conduct of FBI employees do control practices that may be objectionable and they are being carefully enforced.

Activities by the Department of Justice directed at those involved in organized crime are being conducted with vigor, but, of course, the investigations are not matters that can be publicized.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Malcolm Gissen
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Box 237
Gays Mills, Wisconsin 54631



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September 24, 1976

Mr. Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Buchen:

Even though we both are very busy people, I wanted to take the time to respond to your letter of September 14.

The letter was only addressed to my question about the handling of the Kelley matter. This may be because it was a form letter, but I would like to know what efforts Mr. Ford has made to eliminate organized crime and why more has not been done. Having grown up in Mt. Vernon, N.Y., a town dominated by mafioso, I am too well aware of what effect the Mafia has had on our nation. I cannot understand why more effort is not made to do something about this.

Another issue I raised in my letter to Mr. Ford concerned the necessity to punish all FBI and CIA employees who violated the law. These transgressions could be covered up or overlooked by Justice Department attorneys so easily that I have to wonder who is assuring the American people that this will not happen.

Finally I have to wonder if as an attorney, you are satisfied with the September 4 Department of Justice press release regarding Mr. Kelley. The concerns I have are who told Mr. Kelley he didn't have to repay the Bureau, were these people and those who made the gifts doing so because of the pressure of tradition or an attempt at promotion, how many other practices have been established by Kelley or his predecessors that involve use of public funds for private persons, and who authorized that Kelley receive all these benefits? These are questions the investigators apparently failed to answer.

Sincerely yours,

Malcolm Gissen

Malcolm Gissen
M.G.

MG/ld



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

10/7/76

No reply necessary,
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Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C. 20530

*Bellevue
Director
Kavanaugh*

September 30, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR

PHILIP BUCHEN
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

The Attorney General asked me to forward to you the FBI's comments concerning the William Reimbold letter. If you feel a response would be appropriate, it could state that guidelines are currently being written that would set standards and procedures for the activities of FBI Legal Attaches.

Jack Fuller
Jack Fuller
Special Assistant to the
Attorney General



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

RECEIVED
OFFICE OF THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL

SEP 28 1976

TO : Mr. Jack Fuller
Special Assistant to the Attorney General

DATE: 9/27/76

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FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD
FROM MR. WILLIAM REIMBOLD,
TEDDINGTON, ENGLAND, DATED
SEPTEMBER 2, 1976

Reference is made to your communication of September 21st to Assistant Director Mintz enclosing a memorandum to the Attorney General from Counsel to the President, Philip W. Buchen, and a copy of Mr. Reimbold's letter to the President. These enclosures are being returned for your convenience.

I must state that Mr. Reimbold's letter is a vicious, vile attack on the FBI that is without any basis in fact. Our files indicate that Mr. Reimbold has written numerous letters to newspapers since the early 1960's, containing false and malicious statements about the FBI and former Director Hoover. He also wrote several letters to Mr. Hoover which could only be described as abusive and often obscene. A communication that he directed to me in 1975 consisted of blatant untruths and obscene remarks about the FBI.

Regarding his references to our representatives in London, Mr. William Anthony Kish is currently Legal Attache in England and is performing a liaison function with British law enforcement authorities in accordance with a long-standing policy. Mr. Alden C. McCray is a former Legal Attache in London who retired on January 2, 1976, at 51 years of age, after completing 24 years of service with this Bureau. It is obvious that Mr. Reimbold's contentions regarding Mr. McCray's retirement are baseless.

Due to the nature of Mr. Reimbold's letter, I do not feel that it warrants a response and respectfully suggest that the Attorney General recommend this course of action to Mr. Buchen.

Enclosures (3)



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ATTORNEY GENERAL
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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September 9, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Attached is a copy of a letter received by the President from a man who claims he is a U.S. citizen living in England. I would appreciate your suggestions as to how I should respond, if at all.

P. W. B.

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President



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U.S. CITIZEN ADDRESS

18 Victor Road
Teddington, England
September 2, 1976

President Gerald Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

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Dear President Ford:

The embarrassment over Clarence Kelly gives me the opportunity to remind you of a few basic facts about the FBI. In the 68 years since the Bureau of Investigation was illegitimately founded—that is, surreptitiously and against the previously stated will of Congress—by Attorney General Charles Bonaparte it has had, counting L. Patrick Gray, seven directors.

In other words the non-Hoover years were about twenty in all and thus the average tenure for directors other than Hoover was less than three and one half years. A tentative conclusion is that there is a basic instability in that clandestine organization that attracts undesirable men to it. Inherently it lacks the openness that Americans have the right to expect from their public organizations. Paradoxically, Hoover achieved a 48-year stability by using methods, we now know, that are undesirable.

It is recorded that he took over from a contender for the directorship, Gaston B. Means, who has been called the biggest liar in American history and who later went to prison for extortion. I think it is significant that such a person came close to becoming the director of the FBI.

My point is that the FBI, despite the propaganda lies of J. Edgar Hoover is a highly questionable outfit that needs extremely close supervision. It has built-in characteristics that must be typical of any secret and undemocratic organization with much power. The realization of that has recently, belatedly, been acquired by the public. The FBI is a law to itself; aside from the burglaries, wiretapping, bullying and God knows what else, the FBI has too much unaccountable money.

Over here I see the tip of what may be an interesting iceberg. In the American embassy in London there is what amounts to an FBI field office. As you know, the FBI agents in it pose as the Legal Attaché and the Assistant Legal Attaché. What you probably don't know is what they do here and how much it costs to allow them to do it. One of them, W. A. Kish, lives in a London town house that a real estate agent in his neighborhood told me was worth the equivalent of about \$170,000 when Kish moved into it a few years ago. That is too much money for a house for an FBI agent and seems to verify my belief that the FBI can do what it likes without having to account for it. Of course, my inquiries to FBI headquarters have been brushed off—they are perhaps too busy in there doing other things, such as thinking up new kickback schemes, to take seriously the proper inquiries of an American citizen, but I am not entirely without some ability in the matter.

I have informed the respectable English neighbors of the FBI agents of the presence in their midst of the controversial American secret police, and I am keeping them informed with press clippings from American papers of the criminal activities of the FBI.



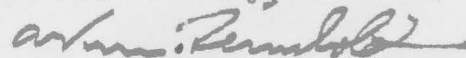
With but one exception the Britons have expressed dismay and indignation. The subtle little pressures the FBI wives and kiddies must feel in their neighborhoods is not unimaginable. Of course I have told the agents all about my activities.

Several months ago the then "legal attaché" FBI agent, A. C. McCray, was recalled to America and retired from the FBI. Perhaps my having complained to Kelley—and New Scotland Yard—about McCray's having made threatening phone calls to my English wife and 16-year-old son (because I had sent him a few days previously an article I had written telling the truth about the FBI) had something to do with it. Of course, I don't attribute to myself any great powers of influence but McCray was well below the retirement age. His intemperate behavior probably indicates something else. The FBI people have been the spoiled and arrogant darlings of an uncritical public for such a long time that they can't take any pressures.

I think, Mr. Ford, that you—or somebody—had better start giving very serious consideration to the presence overseas of FBI field offices. They could become extremely embarrassing. A Stateside scandal concerning the FBI's criminal activities is bad enough; a revelation of their criminality in another country would be much worse.

They will never get anything but grief from me as long as they are here. I am sick and tired of the FBI. One has to refuse to consider a person's illegitimate birth because it is a human being but a bastard secret police force with a long record of crooked behavior that operates and meddles in other countries is intolerable!!!

Yours truly,



William Reimbold
(US citizen)



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 15, 1976

Kelley
Director

Dear Mr. deBruin:

On behalf of the President, I acknowledge your letter to him of October 6th in which you expressed your views on the scope and legality of activities to be undertaken by the FBI.

You are right that the government has some authority for warrantless surveillance in cases of targets which have a significant connection with a foreign power. However, it is not possible for anyone not totally familiar with the evidence to judge in particular cases whether there is such a connection.

Beyond this it is not possible for me to comment concerning the thrust of your letter, but we appreciate your interest and concern.

Sincerely,

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October 6, 1976

PRESIDENT GERALD FORD
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C., 20000

Mr. President:

The United States no longer has a domestic intelligence agency subsequent to Attorney General Levi's guidelines of March, 1976, which stripped the F.B.I. of that authority.

Why this extraordinary gap in our national security has been permitted by the Congress defies rationality.

Certainly the subversive organizations have made no secret of their active and continuing opposition to our Democratic Government.

Their terrorist activities have made frequent headlines to remind us of their never abandoned goals for the United States Government.

That the chief of our Federal Department of Justice should choose ignorance as a policy is beyond belief.

Surely Congress has some power of review over department heads whose directives seem aberrative.

The Attorney General's goals for our national security are called seriously into question, not merely by his irrational cessation of domestic intelligence but by the devastation he is wreaking in the already demoralized ranks of the F.B.I. by his ongoing probe of warrantless physical intrusions conducted by agents acting under the direct authority of agency superiors.

The Supreme Court has established the legal basis for such entries in 1972, stating that it was lawful providing the target had a significant connection with a foreign power.

The Levi probe concerns entries to gain intelligence on the weathermen group whose activities receive support from Fidel Castro.

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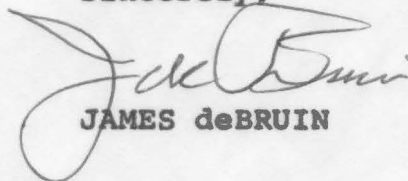
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Former Associate F.B.I. Director Mark Felt has stated that the J. Edgar Hoover ban on such entries had been countermanded by F.B.I. Director L. Patrick Gray in 1972. Thus these entries were officially authorized and in keeping with Court established guidelines for legality.

Mr. Levi's destructive probe should be halted before he destroys the usefulness of the F.B.I.

Our current tendency in Government to seek saintly credentials through inquisitorial review will end in total vulnerability and disarray.

Sincerely,



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PRESIDENT GERALD FORD
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 15, 1976

*Kelley
Director*

Dear Mr. Ballantyne:

On behalf of the President, thank you very much for your letter of October 4.

We very much appreciate your report on the statement by President Frisch of your club concerning Mr. Clarence Kelley and the warm reception given to that statement by your members.

We thank you very much for your interest and support.

Sincerely,



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INTER-CITY KIWANIS CLUB

Independence, Missouri



October 4, 1976

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President Gerald R. Ford
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised that the members of the Inter-City Kiwanis Club held their 50th annual installation banquet for their new officers on September 2, 1976.

During the presentation of awards, outgoing President Frankie Frisch presented a certificate to Marcel Leach for being instrumental in gaining Mr. Clarence M. Kelly as an honorary member of our club in December, 1975.

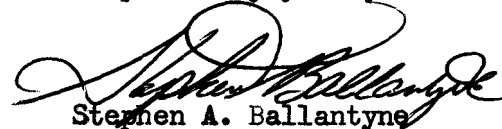
President Frisch commented that he was quite aware of the recent criticism directed at Mr. Kelly by the news media. However he stated that we supported Director Kelly at the time he became The Director of the F.B.I.. He continued by stating that we have supported him since, and was confident that the overwhelming majority of Kiwanis International and the American people still supported Chief Kelly.

Mr. Frisch furthered his statement by saying that Mr. Kelly was probably one of the most moral, dedicated, capable public official in all of government, and that if there were any patriots in government, Clarence M. Kelly was certainly among their ranks.

The Inter-City Kiwanis Club thought that you would appreciate knowing that at our banquet, it was completely spontaneous, unanimous, sustained applause from the 78 people in the audience.

The Board of Directors recommended that this letter be sent with much speed to you Mr. President.

Respectfully yours,


Stephen A. Ballantyne
Secretary
Inter-City Kiwanis

CC: Clarence M. Kelly





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