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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.

## J. EDGAR HOOVER FBI BUILDING DEDICATION

SEPTEMBER 30, 1975

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DIRECTOR KELLEY ADMINISTRATOR SAMPSON LADIES AND GENTLEMEN I AM PLEASED TO JOIN YOU IN THE DEDICATION OF THIS MAGNIFICENT BUILDING. IT SYMBOLIZES THE ROLE OF THE FBL AS THE BASTION OF FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. IT HONORS THE MEMORY OF A PIONEERING PUBLIC SERVANT WHO SERVED AS BUREAU DIRECTOR FOR NEARLY 48 YEARS.

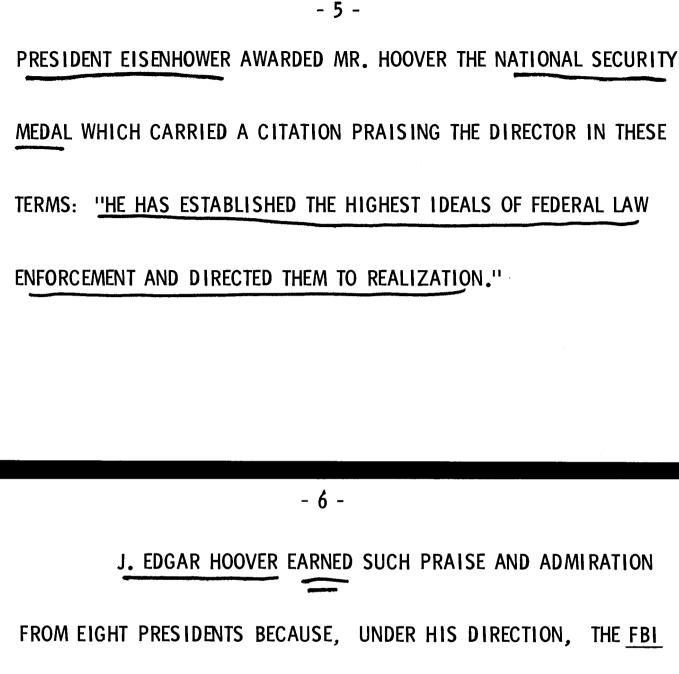
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J. EDGAR HOOVER SERVED UNDER EIGHT PRESIDENTS:

CALVIN COOLIDGE, HERBERT HOOVER, FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT, HARRY TRUMAN, DWIGHT EISENHOWER, JOHN KENNEDY, LYNDON

ALL HAD HIGH PRAISE FOR THIS MAN AND HIS PROFESSIONAL on this ACHIEVEMENTS -- PRAISE WHICH I AM PLEASED TO JOIN IN HERE mat occasion. TODAY. - 4 -IN PRESENTING THE MEDAL OF MERIT TO THE FBI DIRECTOR FOR HIS WARTIME SERVICES, PRESIDENT TRUMAN COMMENDED HIM FOR HIS "ABLE LEADERSHIP" WHICH MADE THE BUREAU -- IN MR. TRUMAN'S WORDS -- "A POWERFUL INSTRUMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT" IN BOTH WAR AND PEACE.

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BECAME THE SUPERIOR PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION IT IS TODAY --

AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE UNDER THE ABLE LEADERSHIP OF CLARENCE

KELLEY -- WITH THE BEST SCIENTIFIC CRIME DETECTION FACILITIES TO

SERVE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

BUT IT IS MORE THAN LEADERSHIP AND TECHNOLOGY THAT MAKES THE FBI SO SUCCESSFUL. IT IS THE SPIRIT OF THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO WORK FOR THIS UNIQUE AMERICAN INSTITUTION: THE SPECIAL AGENTS, LEGENDARY SYMBOLS OF AMERICAN JUSTICE FOR DECADES, THE THOUSANDS OF PROFESSIONALS WHO BACK THEM UP --AND THEIR UNDERSTANDING FAMILIES.

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ALTHOUGH HISTORY RECORDS THE NAMES OF THE FEW,

IT IS THE EXCELLENCE OF THE MANY WHO MAKE UP THE SUCCESS

STORY OF THE FBI.

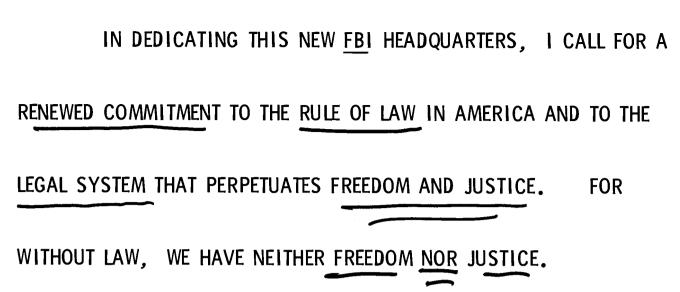
IN MY 25 YEARS IN THE CONGRESS AND AS VICE PRESIDENT AND AS PRESIDENT, I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK PERSONALLY WITH MANY OF YOU HERE TODAY -- AND I HAVE DEVELOPED A GREAT ADMIRATION FOR YOUR PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE AND YOUR TIRELESS DEDICATION. THESE ARE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ENTIRE FBI TEAM. - 10 -THE BUREAU IS A SUCCESS STORY BECAUSE OF THE STRENGTH AND SPIRIT WHICH YOU BRING TO IT. YOUR DEDICATION. YOUR

DISCIPLINE AND YOUR COURAGE ARE INGREDIENTS ALL AMERICANS

ADMIRE AND RESPECT. YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS ARE PROUD OF THE

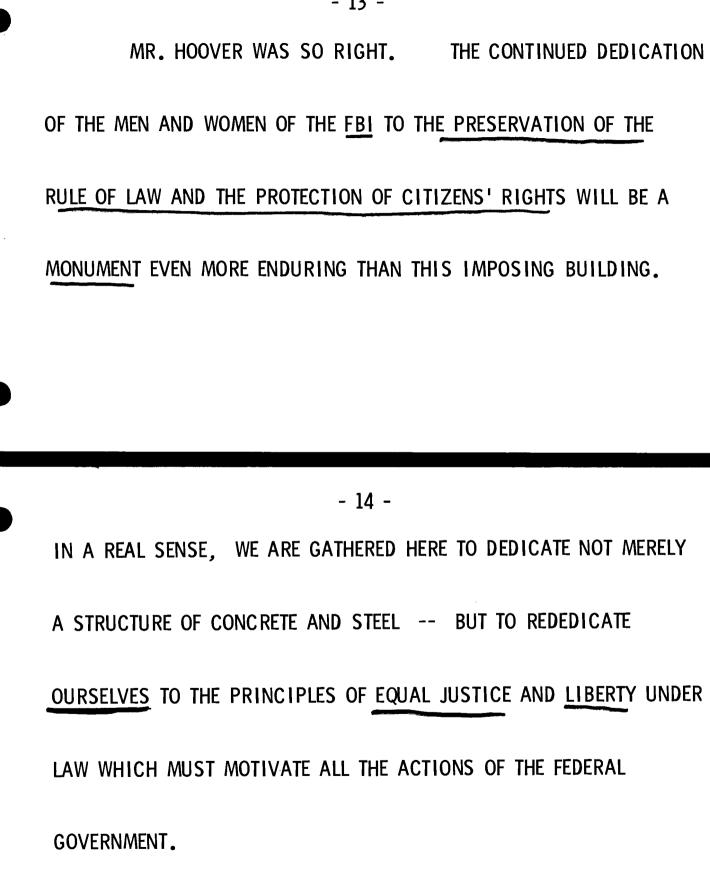
FBI AND WE WHO SERVE WITH YOU IN GOVERNMENT APPRECIATE

YOUR EFFORTS.



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JUST BEFORE HE DIED, J. EDGAR HOOVER HAD THESE PROPHETIC WORDS TO SAY ABOUT THE RULE OF LAW IN AMERICA ---AND I QUOTE: "THE TESTS OF TIME AND CHALLENGE IN OUR NATION'S HISTORY HAVE MORE THAN PROVEN THE MAJESTY OF THE LAW." END OF QUOTE.



THANK YOU.

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