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This letter brings my warmest greetings to every J. Edgar Hoover Foundation (JEHF) supporter together with my hope that your summer was an enjoyable one.

Since I last wrote to you many remarkable things have occurred regarding the Foundation and its future which I am anxious to share with you.

As you already know the J. Edgar Hoover Center for Law Enforcement (JEHCLE), housed for fifteen years in Washington, DC at the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite Freemasons, was relocated to a fine-arts storage facility in Forrestville, Maryland three years ago. After carefully weighing the establishment of a new permanent JEHCLE site against the attendant expenses involved in such an undertaking, the Foundation's board took the bold step of permanently closing the Center in July 2010. I am proud to inform you, however, that following many months of discussion the JEHF formed a unique partnership with the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) in Washington, DC. Our agreement called for the conditional permanent gifting of the Morris Childs Papers and J. Edgar Hoover Collection to the National Law Enforcement Museum (NLEM) being built by the NLEOMF; an initiative that will preserve these historic treasures for countless generations to come. The Hoover collection alone consists of nearly 8000 items appraised at a value of more than one million dollars. It includes one of a kind artifacts like his elementary school report card, original law school note books, his engraved silverware, hundreds of photographs, letters from prominent public figures, nearly a hundred voice recordings, furniture, paintings and original political cartoons signed by famous cartoonists like Clifford Berryman and Reg Manning. The NLEM's skilled archival staff will catalogue and photograph each and every artifact, create permanent digital images of each item, and care for them under the safest possible conditions.

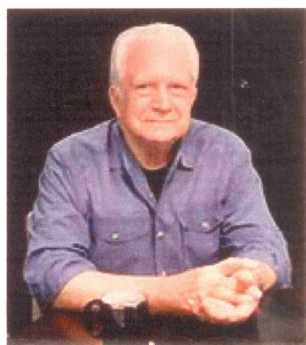
A key provision of this new arrangement is the naming of the Museum's research center as the J. Edgar Hoover Research Center. This study facility will be a centerpiece of the state of the art museum currently under construction at Washington's Judiciary Square located adjacent to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. When it opens in 2013 it will serve as a one of kind twenty-first century facility devoted strictly to law enforcement and the role it plays in our society. Scholars and visitors alike, from around the world, will learn about Mr. Hoover's life, his countless contributions to the professionalization of law enforcement and the creation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as his legacy. Additionally, the J. Edgar Hoover Foundation will be permanently honored on the significant donors' wall at the Museum's entrance.



Artist Rendering of National Law Enforcement Museum. Scheduled to open 2013.

The new partnership also ensures our continuing role in the oversight of the collections with the appointment of Mr. Marion Ramey, a JEHF Vice President and Director, to the NLEM's National Advisory Council. Mr. Ramey served with the FBI from 1954 to 1988 achieving the rank of Inspector-Deputy Assistant Director of the FBI and Assistant Administrator and Chief Inspector of the Drug Enforcement Administration.

This initiative improves the Foundation's ability to focus greater attention on our primary missions of supporting American law enforcement while helping to underwrite the education of new generations of Americans.



Mr. Marion Ramey: Member of National Law Enforcement Museum National Advisory Council

During the last year the Foundation has awarded two \$25,000 J. Edgar Hoover Scientific Scholarships. The 2010 recipient was Shannon Bell, a bright and dedicated third year medical student at the University of California – San Francisco. This year's winner is Jessica Placido. Jessica is a brilliant young doctoral candidate at New York's St Johns University where she studies pharmaceutical science specializing in toxicology. In addition to these prestigious awards we continue to provide dozens of smaller scholarships to young people entering college with the goal of a law enforcement career.



Mr. Joseph D'Angelo presenting the \$25,000 J. Edgar Hoover Scientific Scholarship Award to Miss Jessica Placido.

We have also streamlined our efficiency by consolidating our business operations in Cleveland, Ohio and adding our new interactive website, www.jehoooverfoundation.org. Both initiatives will vastly improve the Foundation's outreach to the larger global community.

Over the last year you may have learned about a new motion picture by Malpaso Productions, Clint Eastwood's movie production company, depicting the life and career of Mr. Hoover. When serious questions arose about the possible inclusion of salacious and baseless scenes depicting Mr. Hoover's personal life, the Foundation quickly took action by publicly expressing our concerns to Mr. Eastwood. We urge you to visit our website where you can read a copy of my letter to Mr. Eastwood together with his reply.

Mr. Eastwood has recently accepted the honorary chairmanship of the national campaign to build the National Law Enforcement Museum. As a great American icon he will serve as a spokesperson raising public awareness for the Museum. Our website www.jehoooverfoundation.org offers a link to the NLEOMF announcement of Mr. Eastwood's new role.

2010 and 2011 mark a historic shift in the Foundation's forty-four year history. Yet through these four decades, you, our loyal friends have stood by us, offering us your wise counsel, supporting us through the good times and bad. Needless to say, I am forever grateful to you. As words are often insufficient expressions of true feelings I hope that the enclosed lapel pin bearing the seal of the J. Edgar Hoover Foundation will serve as a visible reminder of our collective dedication to Mr. Hoover's legacy and what your support has meant to those of us who carry the responsibility for leading your Foundation.

In closing, I urge your continued support and ask you to contact me at anytime with your ideas and suggestions, and please remain assured of my resolve to faithfully serve the Foundation's goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Branon".

Bill Branon