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Open Letter to Our Foundation Supporters

By now most of you who have visited our Foundation website are aware of the controversy surrounding the recently released biopic *J. Edgar* directed by Clint Eastwood and starring Leonardo DiCaprio. Suffice it to say that now that the film has been released and viewed, the Board of Directors is deeply disappointed.

It is the view of the Foundation that *J. Edgar* is far from an accurate depiction of the man and the FBI. Instead it is a loosely concocted story that portrays without factual support a “closeted” homosexual relationship between Director Hoover and his long time Deputy and friend Clyde Tolson. Mr. Hoover does not deserve to be remembered as portrayed in *J. Edgar* and it is a tragedy that such distortions can be served up to the public as “fact.”

Please read on this site (www.jehooverfoundation.org) the letter sent to Mr. Eastwood and his response. Then please read the selected articles posted herein. These essays from prominent journalists and printed by notable media organizations take issue, not only with the story concoction, but the more important distortions of Hoover’s directorship of the FBI. After you have done that, we hope you will conclude, as we have, that the movie does a great disservice to Mr. Hoover.

Since the founding of the Foundation, several millions of dollars have been provided in scholarships in support of academically gifted and often financially challenged students with an interest in law enforcement. Many of these scholarships have gone to the sons and daughters of FBI employees as well as federal, state, and local law enforcement officers and their family members.

Rest assured that the Foundation will remain vigilant to ensure the accurate and just portrayal of Mr. Hoover. The Foundation will continue to provide educational assistance and awards for Excellence in Law Enforcement in the name of J. Edgar Hoover. By so doing, it is our intention to educate younger generations about a great American public servant and assure the recognition of his many contributions to law enforcement.

To assist us in this endeavor, please consider making a tax deductible donation to this Foundation.

Contributions may be made by going to our website’s “Support Us” page or by mailing your tax deductible donation to The J. Edgar Hoover Foundation, 1111 Superior Avenue - Suite 1350, Cleveland, Ohio 44114-2500.

A Joyous Holiday Season to you all.

The J. Edgar Hoover Foundation Board of Directors