

Senator George McGovern

in Washington whose ambition has far exceeded his ability, and I cannot help wondering how many other esteemed career public servants will be maligned and abused before your political balloon runs out of hot air.

Your March 1st press release is an affront not only to Mr. Hoover, but to the many thousands of dedicated employees--past and present--who have helped the FBI reach a position of nationwide respect and acclaim. Let me assure you that the outstanding men and women with whom it has been my privilege to work since 1928 would neither tolerate nor condone investigative or administrative practices such as you and your anonymous letter claim.

I urge that you give this letter the same publicity which you accorded to the three-page anonymous communication--unless, of course, it is against your policy to call public attention to correspondence regarding the FBI from persons who are neither faceless nor ill-informed.

Very truly yours,

**Clyde Tolson
Associate Director**