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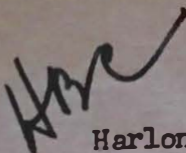
MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Mr. W. F. Kelly has informed me that on his recent trip to California with the Attorney General, and others, one of the very few unfavorable impressions received was that relating to the dress of our officers.

He told me that today he intended to tell the District Director at Los Angeles of this reaction and that in the near future we should detail Mr. Donald R. Kelley to the Los Angeles District for the purpose of reaching agreement upon a satisfactory uniform to which, thereafter, there would be rigid compliance.

In my part of the conversation with Mr. Kelly, I spoke of two uniforms: an official uniform for normal wear and ordinary uses, especially in the public view; and a rough duty uniform to be worn for distinctly rough duty.

For the detail and report of Mr. Donald R. Kelley, consideration should be given to the above matters; clear and detailed instructions should be written, and provision should be made for periodic inspections of uniforms and property, to be reported to those responsible for the performance of officers--a factor vitally affected by their appearance.



Harlon B. Carter

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