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ONE is honored and privileged to be invited to participate in these exercises. The tribute and the distinction which are accorded a participant result from the fact that this academy and its sponsors are recognized by the entire Country as representing the highest standards in law enforcement.

Likewise, officers who, by reason of their prior success, were selected to undergo this course, have attained a distinction by reason of that very fact. Let it be emphasized at the outset that anyone who receives approval from the Federal Bureau of Investigation is fortunate, indeed. Furthermore, he is entitled to sincere congratulations because this respected branch of our Government has long since won the acclaim of a grateful citizenry. The names of this Bureau and of its most efficient director, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, are the synonyms of justice of the highest order and of conscientious enforcement of the law.

From every quarter this Bureau, Mr. Hoover and his carefully selected associates have been acknowledged as constituting the most efficient agency of its kind in the world. When last year the greatest menace to our internal order confronting this Country, the President of the United States turned to this agency and vested in it the high responsibility of combating subversive activities, sabotage and espionage. Fulfilling the assignment of the President and the Attorney General, the FBI has welded together the law-enforcing agencies of the Country and now there is presented a united front against those who would undermine our basic institutions.

It cannot be over-emphasized that, during the present National emergency and in whatever difficulties that lie ahead, effective law enforcement is now and shall continue to be increasingly important. At no time, more so than at present, does the representative of the law assume the most vital part in this Nation's effort to demonstrate that people can govern themselves. Accordingly, the law enforcement officer owes it to his Nation, as well as to himself, to spare no effort to equip himself satisfactorily. He owes it to his Nation, as well as to himself, to uphold, with honor, the majesty and the dignity of the law.

There is no better measure of a nation's place in civilization than the excellence of its jurisprudence. By its system of laws shall a country be known before the world. That nation which tolerates a government dedicated to the suppression of free expression—to the exile and murder of its racial minorities—to the use of concentration camps and Gestapo agents—such a nation is judged accordingly.