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[Telephone: Int. Asso. of Chiefs of Police, Washington, D.C.]

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This message of the President  
was extended over the telephone to  
the International Assn. of Chiefs  
of Police at their meeting on  
September 27, 1934.

Mr. Chairman and Members of the International Association  
of Chiefs of Police:

It affords me a great deal of pleasure to address  
this brief personal message of greeting and best wishes to  
my friends of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

I wish to commend your organization for the coopera-  
tion which it is furnishing in the great movement which the  
agencies of government -- National, State and local -- are now  
organizing against the forces of crime. No undertaking is more  
vital to the welfare of society at this time than that of the  
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exist except upon the basis of a respect for and observance  
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secure in their homes and in the normal activities of ~~life~~ <sup>their lives</sup>  
from the depredations of the criminal classes that National  
progress can be maintained.

This respect for law and this security are possible  
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upright, patriotic and courageous officials.

It is of great importance that the International  
Association of Chiefs of Police shall press forward its vigor-  
ous efforts directed toward the elevation of the standards of  
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ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT  
extended over the telephone to the  
International Association of Chiefs of Police  
Washington, D. C., September 27, 1934, 9.30 P.M.

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the International Association of Chiefs of Police:

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I wish to commend your organization for the excellent work it is performing in the great movement which -- local and local -- National, State and local -- the agencies of government -- National, State and local -- are now undertaking against the forces of crime. No wonder taking is more vital to the welfare of society at this time than that of the prevention and detection of crime. The order cannot exist except upon the basis of a respect for and observance of the law, and it is only when the people of a country are secure in their homes and in the normal activities of their lives from the encroachments of the criminal that national progress can be maintained.

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