



**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
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Mr. Warbucks, Miss Farrell, et al:

I hope this letter finds you and yours celebrating a very Merry Christmas. Because of the ongoing investigation, I am currently away from my own family, but no matter. I believe we have finally broken this case wide open. In fact, allow me to venture that we have solved it.

Our laboratory men were able to deduce that the man claiming to be "Ralph Mudge" is actually a known criminal and ex-con known (at birth) as Daniel Francis Hannigan. His rap sheet is lengthy, and I won't bore you with the details, but suffice it to say that our Mr. Hannigan has an extensive criminal record. He was recently paroled from Sing-Sing for "good behavior," though I must say after perusing this man's history of nefarious acts, there is nothing "good" about this person.

Besides the name of "Ralph Mudge", we have discovered several additional aliases under which Mr. Hannigan has committed both major and minor crimes:

Rooster Hannigan  
Danny the Dip  
Daniel Francisco

If Mr. Hannigan is so audacious as to show his face at your residence again, I would remind you that fraud is a federal offense and that President Roosevelt's Secret Service men have the power to arrest. Feel free to "damage the goods" a bit (if you know what I mean) in the event that your people end up taking custody of this scoundrel. Wishing you a Merry Christmas, I'm going home to the Mrs.

Warm Regards, &c.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elliot Ness".

Special Agent Elliot Ness