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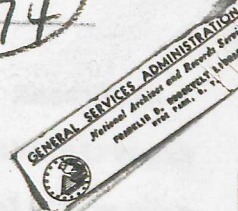
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GEORGE CREEL
2761 DIVISADERO
SAN FRANCISCO

July 7th, 1932



My dear Governor -

I called at the Congress hotel last Sunday, but realizing the demands on your time, contented myself with asking Louis Howe to give you my congratulations and best wishes. Please believe them very wholehearted. Quite frankly, I was for Newton Baker throughout the pre-convention campaign, but soon after reaching Chicago, various circumstances joined to make me your ardent advocate. What you said in your speech of acceptance, and the way you said it, made me very proud.

I put myself at the disposal of Charlie Michelson, and would have offered to go East with him but for my commitment to McAdoo. The senatorial primary is in August, and it is necessary that his organization be formed at once, a task that will take much of my time. Meanwhile, however, I am gathering together some fifty or sixty of the best known men and women writers in the country for your support. Such an organization was most effective in 1916, for aside from group statements from time to time, each individual will prepare articles for syndication. When this is done, and when the McAdoo campaign is well under way, it may be that I can come East to give Charlie a hand.

I reached home this week to find Jack Rosseter just recovering from an illness that had him at the grave's edge. He has been, as you know, one of California's leading Republicans, but is now as strong for you as he is bitter against Hoover. It is his idea to form a Roosevelt Republican League, and as he is not yet entirely convalescent, I have started the work for him. May I suggest that you send him a line indorsing the project? Address him care of the Dante Sanitorium, Van Ness and Broadway, San Francisco, California.

It seems certain to me that we will have to wage the usual moneyless campaign, and that our dependence, as always, must rest upon the strength of the platform and your own personal appeal. Courage and absolute candor are our needs as never before, for every expression of your own forthrightness cannot but contrast favorably with Hoover's temperamental inability to speak or act boldly. May I then make this suggestion;

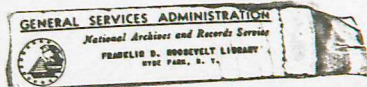
That you select your Cabinet well in advance of November 8, and announce it to the people. I have always been of the opinion that the country was entitled to know the executive committee that would sit with the president for the administration of national affairs, and in these desperate times it is particularly a matter of deep concern. I can imagine nothing that would have a more instant or more direct appeal.

Is it not also possible to announce the creation and personnel of a Peace Industries Board? The best brains of the country, selected without reference to party, and drafted for the public service just as the members of the War Industries Board were drafted. Such a body would meet the demand for a coalition government, and put into effect your own declaration that your attack was against Republican leadership, not the Republican party.

Again let me pledge my loyalty and make offer of service. Believe me,

Very sincerely,

George C. Butler



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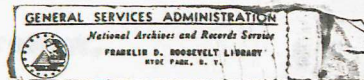
GEORGE CREEL
2761 DIVISADERO
SAN FRANCISCO

July 21, 1932.

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Dear Mr. Howe:

A friend of mine and McAdoo's wants to know if there is any chance of getting a job with the Democrats as an aviator. His name is Homer Berry, and his address is 870 Foxdale avenue, Winnetka, Ill. He has been flying for twenty years and is about the best and safest man in the business. For the last three years he has been the personal pilot of McCormick, owner of the Chicago Tribune, but the depression has put him out of a job. I wish very much that you would make inquiries, and if the Governor, or anybody else about headquarters, is going to do any flying, see that Mr. Berry is given a chance.



Sincerely,

George Creel

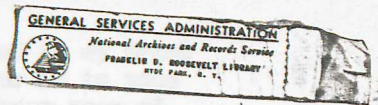
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July 27, 1932.

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Dear Mr. Creel:

I will keep your friend in mind if we have any flying to do. I do not think the Governor will do any more flying for the present. It was all right for that particular occasion, but if he continues flying, it will doubtless be used as a claim that he is constantly in jeopardy, and that it really is a question of not Franklin but Garner for president; as there would always be the danger of a smash up. That is a rather muddled sentence, but I think you will understand what I am driving at.

Very sincerely,

George Creel, Esq.,
2761 Disisadero
San Francisco, Calif.

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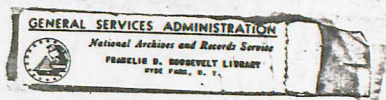
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August 29, 1932

Mr. George Creel
2761 Divisadero
San Francisco, Calif.



Dear Creel:

I have been carrying your letter around in my brief case for some four or five weeks hoping to answer it in some odd moment when I could talk over with you on paper some of the interesting points of the coming campaign.

The Walker case continues to extend itself, however, and free moments are all too few so I am just writing to thank you for what you have already done and for your prompt and whole-hearted enlistment for the duration of the campaign. May I ask you to take the time and trouble to write me often, both as to the conduct of the national campaign and any information you wish to give me as to the local situation.

You will be interested to know that others have also suggested that I announce my cabinet in advance. I am thinking this over but my first reaction is that there are so many different shades of opinion within the party that such a course might open the way to argument and detract attention from the primary object - the return of the Democratic administration to power. Also conditions change so rapidly these days that men available now might not be available next year and we would thus have considerable waste motion in making advance plans.

I have written Jack Rosseter although I hope by now he has left the sanatorium. For this reason I have addressed the letter in your care and I know you will see that he gets it.

With cordial personal regards,

Yours very sincerely,

GEF:FAC

FROM

The White House
Washington

September 13, 1933.

TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1923

Hon. George Creel,
Chairman, N. R. A. District Committee,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sent you by air mail last night letter from President
including statement to be read during N. R. A. broadcast
Sunday night.

Stephen T. Early
Assistant Secretary
to the President.

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lines outlined by Secretary Roper Regards

Franklin D Roosevelt

11:45 AM 10-12-33

STANDARD FORM NO. 14A
APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT
MARCH 10, 1926

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

Honorable George Creel,
District Office,
Department of Commerce,
San Francisco, California.

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WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU CAN SEE YOUR WAY CLEAR TO
CONTINUING NRA WORK ALONG THE LINES OUTLINED BY SECRETARY
ROPER REGARDS

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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Franklin D Roosevelt

11:45 AM 10-12-33

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MARCH 10, 1926

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TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

FROM

The White House
Washington

October 22, 1933

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1933

George Creel,
2761 Devisadero,
San Francisco, Calif.

Think Johnson is making satisfactory arrangements for authors.

Regards.

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M. H. McIntyre
Assistant Secretary to the President.

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lines outlined by Secretary Roper Regards

Franklin D Roosevelt

11:45 AM 10-2-33

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APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT
MARCH 10, 1926

FROM

The White House
Washington

November 9, 1933.

TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1933

George Creel,
San Francisco, California.

Appreciate your telegram STOP Congratulations
and thanks.

Franklin D. Roosevelt.

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lines outlined by Secretary Roper Regards

Franklin D Roosevelt

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MARCH 10, 1926

FROM

The White House
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OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

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Personal
George Creel
San Francisco, Calif.

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U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1925

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The President wants to know if you can accept State
Chairmanship National Emergency Council Stop If so
will have tender made formally Regards

M H McIntyre

lines outlined by Secretary Roper Regards

Franklin D Roosevelt

11:45 AM 10-12-33

STANDARD FORM NO. 14A
APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT
MARCH 10, 1926

FROM

The White House
Washington

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TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES
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U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1933

Hon George Creel
San Francisco, Calif.

The President directs me to ask you to accept
California chairmanship Emergency Council.
He is anxious to have you accept Regards

M H McIntyre

-PPF

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lines outlined by Secretary Roper Regards

Franklin D Roosevelt

11:45 AM 10-12-33

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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TELEGRAM

km George Creel
District Office
Dept Commerce
San Francisco

Would appreciate it if you can see your
way clear to continuing NRA work along the
lines outlined by Secretary Roper Regards

Franklin D Roosevelt

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The White House

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State Director
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FROM The White House
Washington

March 24, 1934.

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George Creel,
San Francisco, California.

Your recommendations just received from Labor Board. Sent telegrams yesterday to Professor Ira Brown Cross, Stanford University, Mr. Will J. French, Berkeley, and Judge Marcus Sloss, San Francisco, appointing them on Board. Have received acceptance from Mr. French. Judge Sloss unable to accept. Appointing Dean Henry Grady, University of California, in his place. Have not yet heard from Professor Cross. Will keep you advised.

M. H. McINTYRE
Assistant Secretary to the President.

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I don't know what we can do
about it. It is up to him. Pass
the buck.

F. D. R.

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FROM

The White House
Washington

March 26, 1934.

TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

George Creel
San Francisco, California.

The President is asking Dr. J. L. Leonard and Mr. Charles A. Reynolds to serve on board. If they accept membership will be Dean Grady, Mr. Will J. French, Dr. J. L. Leonard and Mr. Charles A. Reynolds.

M. H. McINTYRE
Assistant Secretary to the President.

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GEORGE CREEL
2761 DIVISADERO
SAN FRANCISCO

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July 21, 1933

Dear Mac -

I must confess to a good deal of hurt
at seeing two Middle West lecture managers
chosen to conduct the " recovery drive. " In
view of the fact that I evolved the Committee
on Public Information out of thin air, and am
still hale, I think I might at least have been
consulted.

Sincerely,

George
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F. D. R.

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THE PRESIDENT

WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON DC

DEEPLY DISTRESSED BY REACTION TO MY RETIREMENT STOP HAVE SAID
NO SINGLE WORD INDICATING DISSATISFACTION OR DISAGREEMENT STOP WHEN
NEW SET UP VESTED POWER IN LOCAL COMPLIANCE BOARDS INSTRUCTED REPORT
DIRECTLY TO WASHINGTON I FELT JUSTIFIED IN RETURNING TO MY
PERSONAL AFFAIRS AFTER TWO MONTHS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE STOP AGITATION
LARGELY DUE TO INTENSE CONVICTION THAT PACIFIC COAST SHOULD HAVE
AUTHORITATIVE AGENCY OUT HERE DUE TO DISTANCE FROM WASHINGTON STOP
HAVE ISSUED STATEMENT TODAY PLEDGING MY CONTINUED DEVOTION TO NRA
AS SOLDIER IN THE RANKS

GEORGE CREEL 533P

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Colorado coal strike and later that I had led troops against the strikers,
and so on and so on, plumbing every depth of falsehood and malignity.

As for the other Democratic candidates that you were so worried
about, one got 17,000 votes and the other five or six about 2,000 apiece.
If you will notice, I carried the state outside of Los Angeles. I was
beaten there because I had no newspaper - the Hearst press supporting
Wardell - but principally because Sinclair stated every day in his
Epic News that his plan had the indorsement of President Roosevelt, and
that he had been entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt and was their
intimate friend.

Very truly

Hon. James A. Farley
Postoffice Department,
Washington, D. C.

Copy of letter to Jim Farley

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September 21, 1934

My dear Jim -

As you have doubtless seen by the papers, I joined hands with Sinclair yesterday, and wrote a platform on which a Democrat can stand. A bitter pill, but I figured that it was the only way to save our Congressional ticket, and also to avert a Republican governor with its possibly disastrous effect on the 1936 election. My 300,000 votes stood pat, waiting for me to give the word, and Sinclair himself admitted that my support was an absolute necessity.

Despite the fact that his Epic plan had the approval of many members of the Brain Trust, all of whom gave him aid and comfort throughout the primary, he had to admit in his conferences with me that much of it was fantastic and absurd. He dropped his proposal to pay every person over sixty \$50 a month, his plan for farm communes, his scheme of state owned stores to compete with private enterprise, his \$300,000,000 bond issue, his scrip program, his confiscation of tax delinquent land and factories, his immediate repeal of the sales tax - all election promises that beat me. I had to stand for some of his "pipe dreams" in the platform, but on the whole it is sound and realizable.

As to how the election will come out, I don't know. The Republicans will play up Sinclair's connection with Communist organizations, but above all, they will concentrate on the distribution of his book, "The Profits of Religion." It is the vilest and most violent attack on every known denomination, particularly the Catholic, and is bound to hurt him.

Having done my duty by the party and the administration, I am now going back to the business of earning a living. From August 1, 1933, to February 1, 1934, I served as NRA administrator and labor board chairman without a cent of salary, and even without a note of thanks at the time of my resignation. Nothing is more necessary than to get back to my writing.

By way of reward for any service that I may have rendered, please let me entertain the hope that you and the President will now surrender your long-held conviction that Justus Wardell is the leader of the Democratic party in California. He received about 40,000 votes in the state as against my 290,000. In San Francisco, where he was born and bred, I polled 45,000 to his 7,000. This in the face of the most blackguardly campaign ever waged by any man. He flooded the state with the Teapot Dome charge, despite a telegraphed statement by Josephus Daniels that exonerated me completely; twisted paragraphs from my books to support the charge that I was anti-Catholic, and then circularized every Masonic body that I was controlled by Jews and Irish; told employers that I had led the Colorado coal strike and later that I had led troops against the strikers, and so on and so on, plumbing every depth of falsehood and malignity.

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GEORGE CREEL
2761 DIVISADERO
SAN FRANCISCO

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June 3, 1934

My dear Mac ;

Notwithstanding your letter, I am still of the opinion that the President could have written me a friendly personal word after ten months of sweating service in his behalf, and I also feel that you yourself ran no danger in wishing me well. I am not in the habit of publicizing private correspondence.

In every speech Upton Sinclair tells how he had tea at the White House, and Wardell continually boasts of his intimate relations with F. D.. I myself have never even alluded to our friendship or my service.

Between us, however, the President is going to be forced to make a choice sooner or later. Wardell's candidacy is a joke, but Sinclair is more than a threat. He is against the NRA, capitalizing all the irritations aroused by the codes, and while his Socialistic program is absolutely crazy, it is appealing powerfully to the 400,000 on relief in the South.

If he gets the nomination it will tie the New Deal up with Socialism, and what is worse, he will be the worst beaten candidate in California history, for Democrats will bolt him.

Sincerely,

George Creel
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George Creel
GEORGE CREEL, State Director

5-4-34

and Franklin D. Roosevelt"

MEMO FOR MISS LEHAND:

If agreeable to the President,
will you have a picture autographed
for George Creel, and, if it is OK,
I will sign and mail the letter.

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M. H. M.

It in your
letter of April twenty-fifth, I am sending you,
under separate cover, the autographed picture
of the President.

Of course, you are right about having
a letter from the President at this time, for
it could not fail to be construed as having
political significance. Even I, in my humble
capacity, am in no position to wish you good
luck, even in a personal letter such as this.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

M. H. McINTYRE
Assistant Secretary
to the President

George Creel, Esq.,
State Director for California,
The National Emergency Council,
324 Custom House,
San Francisco,
California.

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George Creel

GEORGE CREEL, State Director

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autographed "For George Creel from his old friend Franklin D. Roosevelt"

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May 4, 1934

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THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY COUNCIL

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324 Custom House
San Francisco

April 25, 1934

To the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

As you will see by the enclosed clipping, I announce my candidacy today for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. I do not yet know exactly how it happened, but I find myself thoroughly hooked.

I am sending my resignation to Frank Walker and this is also a request that you yourself release me from the government service. I have told Mr. Walker that I would stay, of course, until a successor is named, and that I would hold myself at the disposal of the successor in order to guard against the danger of any interruption of the work.

As you know, I have been with the NRA since August 1, first as District Chairman of three western states and Chairman of the Regional Labor Board, and since February 1, State Director of the National Emergency Council. I want you to know that I have never been prouder of any association for I have a deep passionate belief in your Recovery Program, not merely as an emergency measure but as a lasting and integral part of our national life. I have preached it as a fundamental reorganization of our industrial structure along higher, finer lines, and it is this view, I think, that has confirmed California in its devotion to you and your ideas. In my campaign I am going to make no attempt to trade on your popularity but I do intend to make an ardent advocacy of your administration and its measures a principle plank in my platform.

Always believe me at your service and accept my heartfelt wishes for health, happiness and your success.

Devotedly,

George Creel

GEORGE CREEL, State Director

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THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY COUNCIL

OFFICE OF THE
STATE DIRECTOR FOR CALIFORNIA

324 Custom House
San Francisco

April 25, 1934

Mr. Marvin H. McIntyre
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mac:

I enclose herewith letter which I have just written to the President. Would you be good enough to place it in his hands. Quite frankly, I would like to have a word from him with respect to this resignation after nine months of service, but if he feels that it might be given any political significance, I will understand; but what I do ask for, however is an autographed photograph that I can hold as one of my most valued possessions.

I seem to have a united party behind here but it is going to be a pretty tough fight. God only knows how I happened to get into it. Nothing was more imperative than that I get back to the business of earning a living.

Good luck old boy.

Always devotedly,

George
GEORGE CREEL

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The San Francisco News

Local Forecast: Fair and mild tonight and Thursday; gentle north to west winds. (Complete report on Page 22.)

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GEORGE CREEL'S STATEMENT

Decision to Be Candidate Is Made in 'All Humility'

BY GEORGE CREEL

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'I Have Always Been Progressive, but Believe in Sanity'

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I rejoice in the inspiring leadership of Franklin D. Roosevelt, and love him for the enemies he has made. I believe in the principles of the New Deal with all the

NRA CHIEF MAKES FORMAL STATEMENT

Long Awaited Declaration to Be Followed With Detailed Plans

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BY R. W. HORNE

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I can and do, however, pledge all that I have of courage, determination and experience to give California an honest, economical and efficient government, free from every form of special privilege and sinister control, operating at all times for the benefit of the whole



HOMER PEYTON PHOTO

George Creel.
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PRAISES ROOSEVELT,

Severely Criticizes Present Re- gime, Promises 'Govern- ment for People'

BY B. W. HORNE

Promising California a new deal in state government, George Creel, regional NRA chief and official interpreter of President Roosevelt's recovery policies on the Pacific coast, today announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for governor.

In his statement calling on Californians to support him in a crusade for "sane, progressive government," Mr. Creel denounced the state administration as "inept, extravagant, stupid and indecently disregarding of the public interest."

Political observers saw in the Creel summary of his opinion of Gov. Rolph's administration and in his declaration of candidacy the beginning of what they believed would develop into the most colorful campaign in the political history of the state.

Remains Progressive

Mr. Creel followed up his criticism of the Rolph regime with what was interpreted as a denunciation of the proposed program of Upton Sinclair, former Socialist who is seeking the Democratic gubernatorial nomination on a "left wing" platform. Mr. Creel made it clear he was a progressive and intended to remain a progressive.

"But," he added, "there is, nevertheless, a sane middle ground between cataleptic conservatism and emotional and subversive experimentation. I propose to find that middle ground."

Backs New Deal

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George Creel Enters Race For Governor, Gives Policy

(Concluded from Page 1.)

original Roosevelt Democrats, McAdoo men and anti-McAdoo men, Al Smith followers and others, who said they were interested in the welfare of California and not in factional disputes or party politics.

With the Creel announcement, Democratic leaders began negotiations which they hoped would result in the retirement of Justus S. Wardell, Milton K. Young and Dr. Z. T. Malaby, factional chiefs who already are in the contest for the party nomination. Despite announcements by Mr. Wardell and Mr. Young that they would not withdraw, the Democrats were confident they could induce the factional candidates to change their minds.

Mr. Creel indicated that while he desired harmony within the party, he would do no trading, and if the others remained in the race, would ask the people to make their choice with the "records of the candidates and their platforms in mind."

Formidable Contender

Republican party leaders frankly admitted Mr. Creel would be a formidable contender, especially so in

a race in which six G. O. P. candidates might cause discord within the ranks of their own party by reviving personal feuds and pointing out the failings of a governor representing their party.

Mr. Creel, a nationally known writer, is the descendant of families that figured in American history since the days of the Revolution. The first Creels came from Ireland in the latter half of the 17th century and settled in Maryland.

Moved to Virginia

The family moved to Virginia early in the 18th century. His father, Henry Clay Creel, was a Catholic, a Democrat and a captain in the Confederate army. Stonewall Jackson was a cousin.

His mother, an Episcopalian, was a descendant of Col. McClanathan, a member of George Washington's staff. His wife is Blanche Bates, noted stage actress.

Mr. Creel has led successful fights in several states for the initiative and referendum, home rule for cities, workmen's compensation laws, mothers' compensation legislation, prison reforms, child labor laws and public school reforms.

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March 20, 1935.

Dear George:-

That letter of Judge Shields is magnificent. I am sending him a little note. Thank you also for that fine statement of yours.

Always sincerely,

George Creel, Esq., #
c/o Collier's,
250 Park Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

unavoidable confusions, leading them out of their despair.

March 20, 1935.

My dear Judge Shields:-

George Creel has sent me a copy of that magnificent letter which you sent to Edwin C. Hill. I do not wonder that you are so often referred to as California's "ablest and best loved Jurist."

I do hope I shall have the pleasure of seeing you one of these days.

Very sincerely yours,

Honorable Peter J. Shields, ^{x2}
Superior Court, State of California,
County of Sacramento,
California.

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THE NATIONAL WEEKLY

P.F. COLLIER & SON COMPANY
250 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK

March 9th, 1935

Dear Mr. President ;

The attached letter is long, but well worth reading. Judge Shields is California's ablest and best loved jurist, and does not give faith and devotion carelessly. I attach also a message that I sent out to be broadcast over California.

Did I tell you that we have already incorporated an " On With Roosevelt " organization that is growing by leaps and bounds, and doing much to bring the party together again?

Devotedly

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PETER J. SHIELDS
JUDGE

SUPERIOR COURT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

February 23rd, 1935.

Edwin C. Hill, x
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Last night seated at my fireside, I listened with astonishment and grief to your attack upon the President and the recent action of the Supreme Court. I first heard you on the day upon which Mr. Roosevelt was inaugurated as President. You spoke of the pall which had settled down upon the Nation, of the multitudes about you, disciplined by despair into an impressive silence, not hopeful but waiting. You described them as a people crucified by a mysterious calamity. And then the oath was taken and words adequate to that divine moment were spoken by the new President.

I am an old man who has had many experiences, but that was one of the greatest moments in my life. I loved you as a new prophet, a poet whose songs would mean more to a confused and discouraged people than the cold pronouncements of all of its Congresses.

Much of the unhappy conditions of that day still remain unrelieved. But Mr. Roosevelt has a plan for its relief. He is spending vast sums of money in the effort; but he is spending the love of a great heart and the strength of a fresh young body as well. He is making headway. If he has not completed the job it is because it is of such incomparable complexity that it is puzzling the wisest statesmen of the world. Mechanisms have released our men from employment in such increasing numbers that no one has been able to plan profitable labor for their idle hands. It will take time and trial to find the way. Sir, as one with wide influence, knowing your Country's needs, beware how you confuse or delay the healing processes of the President. When Mr. Roosevelt assumed authority the Country was in the grip of an aimless despair, it was on the verge of social collapse.

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Whole choruses of men, moved by many inadmirable motives are assailing the President, but they offer no substitute for his activities. They cry out with you that charity is not the way of a proud people and that aid begets dependence.

Mr. Roosevelt knows that, but acts as he does when the alternative is starvation and revolution. It is vain to say that there is danger of chronic pauperism following relief. It is a dangerous thing, but like the surgeon's knife we must use it when purposes higher than caution call for its exercise. It is dangerous to relax discipline in an army. Yet Lincoln pardoned tired boys who slept at their post. And because he did it with judgment and mercy it strengthened rather than weakened his army. You tell the President that he should make the people go to work and earn their way. If you were farther removed from your abundant comforts you would not repeat the philosophy of Louis XVI nor invite the consequences which followed it.

You say that General Washington would not do as Mr. Roosevelt is doing. You have no warrant but animosity for making that statement. General Washington did in his day the things which were right. Mr. Roosevelt is walking in the footsteps of his great predecessor. You speak of General Washington as a realist. Mr. Roosevelt is a realist, but his vision is so deep and his sympathies so sound that he sees hunger and cold and unemployment and foreclosure as realities, and would act upon them. Mr. Roosevelt has a plan for the relief of his country. You condemn it. Have you a better one, or would you feed hunger with a phrase?

Your comments upon the recent action of the Supreme Court were no less unhappy. That judgment is in harmony with the best judicial tradition of the Country. It represents a wise theory of decision to which the Court seems devoted. That Court recently sustained a mortgage foreclosure moratorium act in an opinion which provoked criticism such as yours. That it checked a wholesale eviction in the Nation might be urged in defense of that judgment.

But the Court in its decision did not for the first time express the principle which controlled their judgment. That principle had its origin in the conscience of our forefathers and lies at the root of our equitable system. It was so well fixed in the law as to have rendered the questioned decision inevitable. Great Judges have given it their sanction. Among them is Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes now securely entrenched as one of our immortals, and safe from the criticism of those unthinking people who have not plumbed the depths of wisdom in human government. With what careless ease in your fluent diction you condemn the judgment of the

Court in the recent case involving the financial powers of the Government. You approached your criticism with a calculated and apparently artful appeal to our emotions.

You spoke of Washington in a way which gave you our hearts. And then as we followed you in an unresisting approval you tell us that Washington would condemn a decision which dishonored his Country. Again I say, by what warrant do you speak for Washington; by what authority do you call him from the holy precincts of his immortal consecration, and record him as approving your petty purposes. If I quote him to the contrary, I do it with an equal right. I will not discuss the details of the Court's decision; the lawyers and the politicians may do that. I carry you, Sir, to a higher tribunal and invite you to the vision of a statesman.

What the Court held was that the obligation of the petitioning party under the new regulation was payable in money of the same value and which was available for the same purposes as was the money in which it was payable before the currency revision of the government, and that if this revision, which was compelled by the necessities of the government, on its face gave the Petitioner a technical foundation for claiming almost a double payment of his obligation, that that claim was without right. The decision illustrated that ancient rule of justice that where no injury was done, no damage would be allowed. To this rule the world has long since given its approval. Is not honor served where justice is done?

But you turn from Justice Hughes to Shylock and with him exclaim, "Is it not so nominated in the bond," and then, with that worst form of advocacy, you assert that if Washington were here he would so declare. When Washington was here he was called upon to act, and he acted upon considerations as comprehensive as those which influenced the Supreme Court. At the beginning of the Revolutionary War he was a citizen of Great Britain and the territory of the Colonies belonged to that country; "it was so nominated in the bond." But he could see with a patriot's vision that there was more involved in the contract of citizenship than some words upon a parchment and he wrested the Country from its proprietors and gave it to a juster ownership.

The Court did not do that with its bond; it left it with its possessor in all practical respects as it was before the revision of the currency.

Like Washington, President Lincoln looked to a wide justice rather than a narrow literality. The Dred Scott decision was written as you would have had the Court decide in the present instance. It was nominated in the bond that negroes were chattels, and were the

property of their white owners. The Court in that case wrote one of those decisions which if persevered in would have tied the Nation to a dying past. It followed the words in the bond and protected the slave owner in his asserted title. From what you have said you would have praised that decision. But Mr. Lincoln said what our Supreme Court has been saying in recent decisions that all of the considerations in a matter should be considered by the Court in deciding it. He said, this exemplar of honesty, that he believed the "decision is erroneous." He stated that because it did not possess certain "claims to the public confidence" that it did not establish "a settled doctrine for the country." And he agitated the Nation for its reversal. He wanted a decision based upon as broad a foundation as that which supports the one you condemn.

Before the Civil War our Constitution did not provide a permanent and indissoluble Union. No Northern man ever answered the metaphysical niceties of Calhoun's contentions. He said that secession was written in the bond. But time had made us a Nation; a great destiny had unified us, and President Lincoln led a Nation to war and its sons to death to defend a truth in the Constitution which was not "nominated" in it so clearly that a prejudiced interest could read it. You undertake too much when you call the great dead from venerated graves to support your animosities.

It is easy to proclaim what is apparent on the surface, but the search for truth should not cease until the depths have been penetrated. It was this search by the Court which you were unable to follow. You speak to a wide audience, who have come to give to your poetic words a ready acceptance. You should have a care how by careless or intemperate utterance you may mislead them. We have entered upon a great social readjustment, we are traveling in a strange country in which we have become lost. The times will try the American character, and test the strength of democracy. The Country sorely needs today the Bill of the Inauguration to dramatize the doings of the day; to teach us faith and confidence, to help to give us hope. You speak out of character when you scold and criticise and teach distrust. Multitudes of little men who can do this better than you will soon be in full cry in an evil effort to destroy the President. You are fitted for a greater service, and belong in better company.

Very respectfully yours,

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OFFICE OF
WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT
734 Fifteenth Street, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

September 23, 1935.

Dear Mr. President:

Just to give you a laugh!

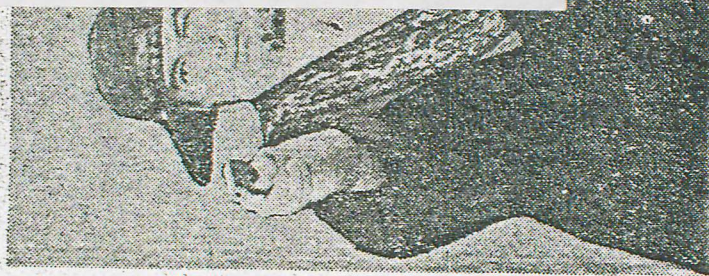
These patriotic women are in
training to repel assaults on American in-
stitutions!

Sincerely,

George Creel

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GEORGE CREEL

PATRIOT



Mrs. Elmer Whittaker, State president of the Daughters of the American Revolution; Capt. R. R. McDonald, instructor; Mmes. Louise Ward Watkins, president; Edward M. Kromer, treasurer, and Mable Patton, national president of the Millitary Order of the Purple Heart, were testing their marksmanship at the Los Angeles Police Pistol Range at the regular meeting of the American Women, Inc., Thursday. Mrs. Watkins is establishing a junior group and more than 300 gathered at the range for swimming, dancing and dinner.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 19, 1935.

MEMO FOR MAC

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Feb 19, 1935.

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Sincerely,

George Creel #

Personal

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Hyde Park, N. Y.,
September 19, 1935.

Dear George:-

Those features of yours I am delighted
to have and may I also tell you that I have had
at least fifty people speak to me about the article
in Collier's. It made a great stir.

x pp32610 I agree with you about the high level
of our campaign effort. Nevertheless, some people
down the line must refute Republican misstatements.

As ever yours,

George Creel, Esq., #
c/o Collier's,
350 Park Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Sincerely,

George Creel #

FROM

The White House
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June 10, 1936. *File*

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Hon. George Creel,
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M H McIntyre
Assistant Secretary to the President.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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5/15/37

MEMO FOR MR. MCINTYRE

The President said: "Tell George Creel, confidentially, that I am going to veto the five million dollar bill for the New York Exposition on the ground that it is too damn much. That re-opens the whole question. I may have to do a little trading but if New York is held to two and a half million, San Francisco probably ought to get about one and a half million but that those figures are not final, either up or down."

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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MEMO FOR THE PRESIDENT:

- 1 - The Flyers do not arrive in Washington until 11.20. Will it be all right to have them come in at 12 Noon?

It has been suggested that Harllee Branch and Asst. Sec. Johnson come in with them. I thought it might be better to keep it unofficial. Everybody asking for pictures

- 2 - In connection with the attached, is there anything you want me to tell George Creel?

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May 15, 1937

OFFICE OF
WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT
734 Fifteenth Street, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Mac;

When the President told me that San Francisco must reduce its request from \$3,000,000 to \$1,750,000, and that New York would also be cut from \$5,000,000 to \$3,000,000, I took the word to Senators ^{W.L.}McAdoo and ^{W.L.}Johnson, and we made the necessary amendment at once. The Senate Committee on Commerce reported favorably on our bill May 10, and on May 11 the California senators prepared to ask unanimous consent for its consideration. Before this could be done, Senator ^{W.L.}Robinson ^{x598} stated to them that the President had sent him a note saying that San Francisco could have \$1,000,000 only. In the meantime, however, New York has gone ahead with its request for \$5,000,000, and the bill has passed.

As the official representative of the San Francisco Exposition, the California senators have put the whole matter up to me. On Monday all "unobjected bills" on the calendar will be taken up, and it is an opportunity for action that we do not want to miss. Is it the President's insistence that San Francisco ask only for \$1,000,000? If so, is New York to get its \$5,000,000? May I have an answer to these questions by Monday noon.

Unlike New York, San Francisco has not gone in for Senate and House log-rolling. From the first I have made it a point to consult the President and abide by his views. As a result of the developed situation - San Francisco now down to \$1,000,000 and New York's \$5,000,000 approved without protest - my position is more than painful.

Sincerely,

Frank B. Rowland #

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October 31, 1938.

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I would have written you sooner had I not been expecting you here. Since our last conversation I have been keeping in close touch with the political situation in your State. Doubtless you have seen my letter to Jerry Voorhis. xPP75595

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October 21, 1928.

Sheridan Downey should be judged not by his position on this exclusively State issue but on the temper of mind with which he will meet the really national issues of a totally different kind on which a Senator of the United States has to vote on an average of once a day. And what is important for the people of California, in choosing a Senator, is that the people of California be represented by a man whose fundamental principles lie along progressive and liberal lines rather than by a ~~dyed-in-the-wool~~ reactionary of the vintage of Mark Hanna.

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I hope, too, that Culbert Olsen and the liberal candidates will be elected. As between Olsen and Merriam there can be no doubt as to who is the liberal.

x PP7 16 Frank J. x
As Woodrow Wilson liked to point out the reactionaries can always present a front because their program is wholly negative. They want to obstruct all action: they are not concerned with a constructive program of any sort.

Very sincerely yours,

The position they seek is that of U.S. Senator from the State of California. In regard to Mr. Downey, I have been frank in saying that I do not approve of the position he took in the primary in favor of a "30 every Thursday plan". This plan I regard as unsound. But it is Honorable George Creel, ~~understand~~ that it has a separate place on the Commission, U.S. Golden Gate International Exposition, 200 Bush Street, San Francisco, California.

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On national issues, do the people of the State of California wish to be represented by an old-fashioned reactionary or by a man whose fundamental principles lie along progressive and liberal lines?

STEPHEN EARLY
Secretary to the President

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 31, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR TOM CORCORAN:

Dear Tom:

Here, in the rough, are the President's ideas of his proposed letter to George Creel.

Introduce the letter by saying to Creel that you doubtless have seen my letter to Voorhis, etc.

The President desires that his letter, then, follow these ideas:

If anybody, any newspaper or campaign speaker, in California, is trying to intimate, as I am informed, that I would rather see Mr. Bancroft in the Senate than Mr. Downey, this again constitutes a misrepresentation of my position.

As a general proposition, one of these gentlemen is a died-in-the-wool reactionary of the vintage of Mark Hanna; the other is a liberal. That defines the broad issue.

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This plan has no relationship to the jurisdiction or action of the U.S. Senate. It is not a national issue. The point to remember is that the new Senator, whichever one is elected, will be called on to vote on an average of at least once a day on wholly different issues -- national issues -- and the people of California will be represented by those votes.

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Short form.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear George:

I am sorry to hear from you that there is still misrepresentation of my attitude toward the California campaign.

In my recent letter to Congressman Voorhis I thought I had made it abundantly clear I regarded Sheridan Downey "a well liberal in mind and in heart" and that however much I may differ with ^{the} "330 Every Thursday plan", I thought that he would ably and constructively represent the predominant liberal thought of the State of California.

And in writing to Congressman Voorhis I had no intention in clarifying my attitude ~~in~~ toward Sheridan Downey as a liberal to leave the impression that as a liberal I did not entertain an equally high regard for Culbert Olson as a liberal.

Of course as Woodrow Wilson liked to point out the reactionaries can always present a front because their program is wholly negative. They want to obstruct all action: they are not concerned with a constructive program of any sort.

Liberals, who are concerned about a constructive program will naturally differ among themselves as the details of that program. But the important thing at this time is to have men in power who have the courage to consider a constructive program.

A great liberal state like California cannot afford to let reactionaries ride into office because all liberals cannot agree upon every single item in a great liberal program to promote the general welfare of the people of the state and nation.

Respectfully,
Woodrow Wilson

U.S. Marine State International Exposition,
San Diego, California.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 28, 1938.

Dear George:

I would have written you sooner had I not been expecting you here. Since our last conversation I have been keeping in close touch with the political situation in your State.

Any rumors circulating out there indicating any indifference on my part toward our Party's nominees are, as you know, utterly without any foundation.

You know how deeply I feel the necessity for the election of real Liberals, being convinced that with Culbert Olson and Sheridan Downey heading our Party ticket the State will be fortunate in maintaining a real progressive leadership.

Incidentally, you will probably be interested in the following letter which I wrote a few days ago to Jerry Voorhis:

"I have your letter and was much interested in what you have to say concerning the California situation. I am glad you have such a high regard for Sheridan Downey. My brief acquaintance with him and the many fine reports I have had convince me that you are right in this opinion.

"You know how deeply I feel about the necessity of having representatives in the Congress who will face present-day problems with present-day philosophy. I am convinced that Sheridan is a real Liberal in mind and in heart, and would ably and constructively represent the predominant liberal thought of your State. It would be a calamity for California to be represented in the Senate by a dyed-in-the-wool Reactionary."

I hope that you will take every opportunity to make it clear where I stand in the California elections.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Honorable George Creel,
Commissioner,
U. S. Golden Gate International Exposition,
200 Bush Street,
San Francisco, California.

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WASHINGTON

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What I have learned from many sources checks with what you told me. Apparently an impression is being carefully progandized through California that since ~~such and such~~ I do not agree with the "30.00 Every Thursday plan" I am indifferent to the nominees of the Democratic party on both the State and National tickets.

That ~~is~~ is a flat misrepresentation of my position. It is not true, ~~and~~ I wish you could make clear to every Democrat, Progressive, and Liberal you can reach that it is not true.

I hope that ~~Cilbert~~ Olsen and Thomas Sheridan and other liberal candidates will be elected. I think that any serious set-back to the liberal cause in California will be a serious ~~loss~~ during the next few crucial years to the workability of our democratic way of life and the protection of those decent things of life which are tied up with the workability of our democratic way of life.

It is of national importance, in my opinion, that a liberal like Olsen rather than a reactionary be in the State House at Sacramento ~~in command of the power, military, and police~~ and that a liberal like Downey rather than a reactionary speak the voice of California in the Senate of the United States.

California is one of the great States of the Union. Its courage in solving its own problems and the way in which the power of its government is employed ~~is a model for the rest of the country~~ the whole Union. Like three or four other ~~localities~~ localities in the United States it is facing our most complicated social problems years ahead of the rest of the country. ~~It is likely that it will be a model for the rest of the country~~

Working out those problems demands ~~the~~ the closest cooperation of the State government with the United States government. It requires leadership with vision, patience and tolerance in meeting local conditions - the attributes of a liberal in the fullest sense of the word.

Much of the inability to settle the social problems of California in late years have in my opinion been due to a lack of just those qualities

is of great concern to

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WASHINGTON

in command of the power of the State. And in my opinion those social difficulties will not reach permanent settlement until there is a liberal State government - willing to live and let live.

One of the most important tasks which lie ahead of the national government over the next few years is an intensification of our efforts to eliminate internal strains and stresses within our population as mental preparedness for whatever contingencies may lie ahead. It will really handicap the national government in that task to have a reactionary State government in California.

As for the "\$30.00 Every Thursday" plan I have never concealed the fact that I am against it. I hope it will not be tried - because on the one hand I feel quite sure it will not work and because on the other hand I feel quite sure that we can evolve from the present Social Security statute methods of obtaining security for old age which will work better and better each year. But the plan is wholly a State issue with a separate place on the California State ballot for November eighth.

~~Understand that Senator Glavin is not in favor of the plan.~~
~~Address.~~

However important "\$30.00 Every Thursday" may seem in the heat of the local campaign it is actually only a small item compared with other fundamental trends which will be determined by the results of that campaign.

Should
Sheridan Downey ~~be~~ judged not by his position on this exclusively State issue but on the temper of mind with which he will meet the really national issues of a totally different kind on which a Senator of the United States has to vote on an average of once a day. And what is important for the people of California in choosing a Senator is that ~~the people of California be represented~~ the people of California be represented by a man whose fundamental principles lie along progressive and liberal lines rather than by a died-in-the-wool reactionary of the vintage of Mark Hanna.

As Woodrow Wilson liked to point out the reactionaries can always present a front because their program is wholly negative. They want to obstruct all action: they are not concerned with a constructive program of any sort.

Liberals, who are concerned about a constructive program will naturally differ among themselves as the details of that program. But the important thing at this time is to have men in power who have the courage to consider a constructive program.

A great liberal state like California cannot afford to let reactionaries ride into office because all liberals cannot agree upon

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every single item in a great liberal program to promote the general
welfare of the people of the state and nation.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Honorable George Creel
Commissioner
U. S. Golden Gate International Exposition
200 Bush Street
San Francisco, California

FROM

The White House
Washington

TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

July 1, 1938.

Hon. George Creel,
San Francisco Exposition,
San Francisco, Calif.

P.P. 7
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Am announcing western trip schedule tonight. Would like
to talk with you tomorrow.

M H McIntyre
Secretary to the President.

Golden Gate Int Expo.

Honorable George Creel, #
United States Commissioner,
Golden Gate International Exposition,
Treasure Island,
San Francisco, California.

Always devotedly,

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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FROM

The White House
Washington

September 1 1938

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Hon. George Creel
San Francisco, California.

Thanks your wire. Hope to see you soon.

M. H. McIntyre
Secretary to the President.

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Honorable George Creel, #

United States Commissioner,

Golden Gate International Exposition,

Treasure Island,

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JUNE 16 1938

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Secretary to the President

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Ackgd 7/6/39 to Commissioner Creel,
San Francisco, Calif.

July 6, 1939

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Dear George:

I owe you an apology for not answering before this your letter of April twenty-ninth. I have read it with a great deal of interest and appreciate very much your courtesy in sending me the inscribed copy of your book. I am glad to have the volume, as well as the statement by Daniel Webster which you were good enough to enclose. x

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My very best wishes to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Honorable George Creel, #
United States Commissioner,
Golden Gate International Exposition,
Treasure Island,
San Francisco, California.

Always devotedly,
Yours truly,

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Honorable George Creel, #
United States Commissioner,
Golden Gate International Exposition,
Treasure Island,
San Francisco, California.

Always devotedly,

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GEORGE GREEL
COMMISSIONER

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER
GOLDEN GATE INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION
TREASURE ISLAND, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Very nice note
of thanks
Dear George
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April 29 1939

My dear Mr. President:

I do not know if you ever saw THE WAR, THE WORLD AND WILSON that I published in 1920. Although boycotted, some hundred thousand copies sold, hundreds of people writing in to Harper & Brothers for it. In any event I am sending you a copy and call particular attention to Chapter XXIII, entitled The Great American Tradition, trusting that the information in it may be of use.

When Daniel Webster urged recognition of the Greek revolt against Turkey in 1824, his supporting statement has startling applicability to our own times, and might well have been written today instead of more than a hundred years ago. I have had it copied on a separate sheet and enclose it.

I made a speech the other day before the League of Women Voters, and when I stated that I stood, as every American must stand, squarely behind your foreign policy, the entire audience cheered.

With every good wish.

Always devotedly,

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
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As one of the free states among the nations, as a great and rapidly rising Republic, it would be impossible for us, if we were so disposed, to prevent our principles, our sentiments, and our example from producing some effect upon the opinions and hopes of society throughout the civilized world . . . the great political question of this age is that between absolute and regulated governments . . . whether society shall have any part in its own government . . . our side of this question is settled for us even without our volition . . . our place is on the side of free institutions.

It may now be required of me to show what interest we have in resisting this new system. What is it to us, it may be asked, upon what principles or what pretenses the European governments assert a right of interfering in the affairs of their neighbors? The thunder, it may be said, rolls at a distance. The wide Atlantic is between us and danger; and, however others may suffer, we shall remain safe.

I think it is a sufficient answer to this to say that we are one of the nations of the earth; that we have an interest, therefore, in the preservation of that system of national law and national intercourse which has heretofore subsisted so beneficially for us all . . . The enterprising character of the age, our own active, commercial spirit, the great increase which has taken place in the intercourse among civilized and commercial states, have necessarily connected us with other nations and given us a high concern in the preservation of those salutary principles upon which that intercourse is founded. We have as clear an interest in international law as individual have in the laws of society.

TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

FROM

The White House
Washington

August 9, 1939.

16-6481

Honorable George Creel
Federal Building, Treasure Island
San Francisco, California

Expect to leave on cruise Saturday. President returns here
August twenty fifth. Suggest you change your date to conform to that.

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to General Watson's attention as soon as he
returns to Washington.

Sincerely yours,

Lillian Dennison
Secretary to General Watson

Honorable George Creel
Federal Building,
Treasure Island,
San Francisco, California.

Washington, D. C.

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August 14, 1939.

Dear Mr. Creel:

I am taking the liberty of replying to your telegram as General Watson is away on the cruise with the President.

They are expected to return to Washington about August twenty-sixth and stay here for two or three days. I am sorry not to be able to say definitely, but in all probability they will be here during at least a part of the period August twenty-eighth to thirty-first.

I shall make a note of the dates you expect to be here and bring the matter to General Watson's attention as soon as he returns to Washington.

Sincerely yours,

Lillian Dennison
Secretary to General Watson

Honorable George Creel
Federal Building,
Treasure Island,
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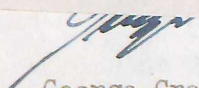
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THE UNITED STATES
GOLDEN GATE INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION COMMISSION

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

Federal Building
Treasure Island
San Francisco
California

August 7 1939

Dear Pa:

I have to be in Washington sometime this month, and I want to plan my trip in such manner as not to miss you and the President. I have several matters of importance that I would like to take up with him, and I want to discuss his coming visit with you. It is my idea to fly on around the 15th, but I do not want to get there and find you and the President in Hyde Park. Will you, on receipt of this, be good enough to send me a wire, telling the President's movements, or rather, if he can see me in Washington any time in the week beginning August 13.

Sincerely,

George Creel

Brigadier General E. M. Watson
The White House
Washington, D. C.

FROM

The White House
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August 9, 1939.

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Washington, D. C.

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FROM

The White House
Washington

June 7, 1939

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George Creel,
Federal Building, Treasure Island
San Francisco, California.

Re your letter President has now postponed departure until after June 30th. Re your suggestion HOUSTON tying at dock Navy Department says this is out of picture altogether now. President will probably be in San Francisco one day only, leaving by train that night boarding HOUSTON somewhere up coast. Will you be good enough to make suggestions as to what engagements President should make. He has tentative engagement now to have tea with former Senator McAdoo and conference with Commanding General and Admirals regarding National Defense at Presidio sometime that afternoon. Aside from that I know of nothing else.

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HONORABLE GEORGE CREEK
UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER
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M. H. McINTYRE
Secretary to the President

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Dear Mr. President,

I heard H. R. Knickerbocker the other day, and not in years have I been more impressed by a speech or more deeply moved. Had he been your official spokesman, there could have been no better or more vigorous exposition of your foreign policy. It was not only that he spoke with the authority of an eye witness, trained to observe and report, but his conclusions had all the force of inevitability. With a thoroughness that removed the hide as well as the hair, he disposed of all the lies and platitudes with which so many have gulled themselves, or have permitted themselves to be gulled.

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Washington, D. C.

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only be called true Americanism.

I find that he will be in Washington around May 1, and may I suggest that you have Steve Early watch for his coming, so that he may be brought to the White House for a talk with you. By that time he will have covered the United States, talking to thousands, and should be able to give you a fresh and first hand report on American public opinion.

I can only say that if I had had a man like Knickerbocker in 1917 and 1918, when I was chairman of the CPI, I would have regarded it as an answer to prayer. He is exactly that good.

Believe me,

Always devotedly,

Harry C. Cress

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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MEMORANDUM:

Give George Creel ten minute
appointment Thursday, Oct. 10th. He has
special message for the President from
Miller and Chapman of San Francisco.

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Dear George:

Dear Mr. President,

Ever so many thanks for your letter of the twenty-fourth about Franklin. It pleases me greatly to know that he made such a hit, and I am very proud of him.

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It is good of you, too, to let me have your slant on the California situation, and thanks also for the nice things you say about my speeches.

My best wishes to you.

Always sincerely yours,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Honorable George Creel
United States Commissioner
Golden Gate International Exposition
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My dear Mr. President,

Your boy Franklin spoke here today, addressing a large meeting of Democratic workers, and I know that you will be glad to hear that he was an unqualified hit. I have never seen any one make so instant and delightful an impression. He was boyish without being adolescent, and had poise without bumptiousness. He spoke easily, simply and sincerely, and his appearance more than compensated for our disappointment in having so many cancellations by national speakers that we had expected.

As I told you two weeks ago, we will carry California by a majority of between 400,000 and 500,000, and this despite the fact every metropolitan newspaper is fanatically for Willkie. The reason for it is to be found in the fact that in these last seven years Democracy is no longer a thing of partisanship in California but a deep religious faith.

Devotedly

George Creel

Your own speeches get better and better.

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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The White House

November 8, 1940

Dear George:

I am most grateful for that nice message you sent me. Thank you ever so much for it.

As ever yours,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

George Creel, Esq.,
815 - Fifteenth Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

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The White House
Washington

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., Nov. 5, 1940

THE PRESIDENT:

Thanks to you California's democracy has become a habit. My heartfelt congratulations and may your strength, courage and vision never grow less.

GEORGE CREEL.

President of Mexico last month, and while for publication, he also talked confidentially and very frankly. Some of it may interest you.

Devotedly,

George Creel
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Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
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My dear Mr. President,

Now that the Navy has taken over the Federal Building on Treasure Island, I hope to get back to my writing. Collier's has already asked for articles, and is particularly eager for me to do a "look ahead" with you. The same sort of thing we did in 1936 and 1937. I am at the University Club for the next ten days.

Had a three hour interview with the new President of Mexico last month, and while for publication, he also talked confidentially and very frankly. Some of it may interest you.

Devotedly,

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Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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UNIVERSITY CLUB
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My dear General:

Will you be good enough
to bring enclosed to the attention of
the Great White Father + And how
about luncheon with me tomorrow
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Wait until Geo. Creel phones and
then Gen. Watson will do the best he
can. Certainly he will not be able to
see the Pres Sunday when he is working on
Message to Congress.

Will you tell him I will
see him when he comes here around
January 5th?

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GENERAL WATSON

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GEORGE GREEL
COMMISSIONER

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER
GOLDEN GATE INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION
Sharon Building
TREASURE ISLAND, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

December 30 1940

My dear Mr. President,

Maybe because you said everything I wanted said, I thought Sunday night's speech was the greatest you have ever made. How I wish that WW could have heard it.

Have you seen one of the attached telegrams? I answered that I relied entirely upon President Roosevelt to keep us out of all foreign wars, and that my work with the White Committee occupied all of my spare time.

Collier's, by the way, is very eager to have me get another unofficial statement from you along the lines of those that we did several years ago. May I talk it over with you when I come east on January 5.

With every heartfelt wish for the New Year,

Always devotedly,

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
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TREASURY ISLAND, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

February 5 1941

Dear Mr. President,

Before poor Mac was even buried, some one started a movement to have me named to the chairmanship left vacant by his death. Flatteringly enough, the whole town joined in, but by spending the day on the telephone, I was able to bring the excitement to an instant and definite halt. Some telegrams may have gone out, however, so please disregard them.

While in Washington in January, I asked for an appointment to discuss Collier's request for another "look ahead" such as I wrote with you in 1935 and 1936. I know that the pressure on you has not lessened, but if you can drop me a line about this I will be obliged.

Respectfully,

George Greel
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Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Creel, Geo.

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~~Jan 29~~
~~In California~~
1/29/41

never arranged

10/1/41

We put George Creel off until after Inauguration.
Do you want to see him now?

YES

We had Geo. Creel down
for Jan 29th but he had
gone back to Calif when we
phoned University Club.

TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

George Creel,
San Francisco,
California.

My heart goes out to you in the great loss which you have sustained. Please accept this assurance of deepest sympathy in which Mrs. Roosevelt joins.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

FROM The White House
Washington

December 27, 1941

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children, and in her sleep. Behave
me. Ever gratefully
George Creel

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GEORGE CREEL
SAN FRANCISCO

January 3, 1942

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Knowing the many and intense pre-occupations pressing on you and the President, I was touched to the heart by the thought of me and my grief. I do not want to add another letter to his mail, so please tell him of my deep appreciation and gratitude. Blanche held you both so firmly in her love and faith. Thank God, she went as she wanted to go - after a happy Christmas day with the children, and in her sleep. Believe me,

Ever gratefully

George Creel

OFFICE SEEKS MAN—AND THAT'S NEWS!

By Rodger

*Dear Mac
if he is the kind of guy I am
G. B. Creel*

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CREEL'S WORD ON GOVERNOR RACE AWAITED

NRA Chief Expects Definite
Assurance That Elliott
Has Withdrawn

DEMOCRATS JUBILANT

Promises of Support From Los
Angeles Area Add
Hope

BY B. W. HORNE

Just as soon as he definitely establishes that the withdrawal of John B. Elliott, Los Angeles party leader, from the gubernatorial picture is "official," and as soon as "other matters are adjusted," George Creel, regional NRA chief, will announce his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for governor.

To that extent Democratic leaders had Mr. Creel's promise today to become a candidate as they kept telephone and telegraph wires to Washington and Los Angeles busy in an attempt to assure his entry in the race.

The heads of the state Democratic organization, jubilant over developments that resulted in the decision of Mr. Elliott not to seek office, said they felt certain all of Mr. Creel's terms would be met in time to permit him to formally declare himself by Wednesday.

Wants Washington Support

Mr. Creel, it was learned, not only wants Mr. Elliott's personal assurance that he meant it when he said he would not be a candidate, but also wants the Los Angeles factional leader to definitely pledge his support to the Creel candidacy. He would also like to hear from Washington that the national administration would be actively behind him.

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The Democratic leaders who have been urging him to run in the interest of party harmony, believe they can straighten out all these things to Mr. Creel's satisfaction before the end of the day.

Other Moves Expected

They intend to go even further, and hope to have some assurance that Justus Wardell, Milton K. Young and Dr. Z. T. Malaby, who already have declared themselves as candidates, will withdraw soon after Mr. Creel announces himself.

In that connection informal gossip had it that Mr. Wardell would probably declare himself out of the race as soon as his appointment to a high post in the national administration is announced. This despite the fact that Mr. Wardell has indicated he would not step out under any circumstances.

G. O. P. s Displeased

The news of Mr. Creel's possible entry was not well received among Republican candidates. Representatives from two of the half dozen would-be G. O. P. governors frankly admitted that "with Creel in the race things would look bad for our side."

Meanwhile the long overdue statement of Gov. Rolph on his possible candidacy, which his secretarial staff has been promising for two weeks, again failed to materialize Monday. The governor's secretaries were still certain the statement was coming, but were not so positive about the date.

Rolph at Office Daily

Politicians claim the governor doesn't believe it would be good politics for him to say anything about his recent illness, and if he does say anything it will be only to satisfy his supporters and keep some administration heads from straying from his camp.

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THE NATIONAL WEEKLY
THE CROWELL PUBLISHING COMPANY
250 PARK AVENUE
New York

OFFICE OF
WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT
734 Fifteenth Street, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Friday evening.

Dear Mac ;

Some grapes came today
from California, and I want the President to have the
largest bunch. He can keep it on his desk and pick
at it.

Also a telegram from San Francisco tells me
that Governor Merriam has wired the President asking
him to participate in Pan-America air ceremonies
November 22. Will you hold this until I can see you
Monday or Tuesday. I'm off to New York tonight.

Fondly thine

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APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT
MARCH 10, 1926

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TELEGRAM *10450*

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

FROM

The White House
Washington

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1933
April 2, 1934.

M.H.M.:

George Creel's telegram, twenty-sixth, relates to remuneration members Special Board on Longshoremen's controversy. Do you want to send him following telegram:

"Remuneration President's Board Longshoremen's Investigation has been fixed at fifty dollars per diem".

We have letter from Senator Wagner saying this would be paid by National Labor Board.

R.F.

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REVENUES UPON NAVAL OIL LANDS

Washington, D. C.
1924

FROM

The White House
Washington

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

April 2, 1934

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1923

Hon. George Creel,
San Francisco, California.

Remuneration President's Board Longshoremen's Investigation
has been fixed at fifty dollars per diem.

Louis McHenry Howe,
Secretary to the President.

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LEASES UPON NAVAL OIL LANDS

Washington, D. C.
1924

GEORGE CREEL

AND

TEAPOT DOME

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TESTIMONY OF
GEORGE CREEL, E. L. DOHENY

AND

JOHN LEO STACK

BEFORE

THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS
AND SURVEYS

OF THE

UNITED STATES SENATE

ON

LEASES UPON NAVAL OIL LANDS

Washington, D. C.
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George Creel and Teapot Dome

On November 8, 1919, Mr. E. L. Doheny paid George Creel \$5,000.00 to use his influence with Secretary of the Navy, Josephus Daniels, to get him to lease Teapot Dome to the Doheny interests.

The following testimony of George Creel, Leo Stack, and E. L. Doheny is reproduced from the 'Hearings Before the Committee on Public Lands and Surveys of the United States Senate, on Leases Upon Naval Oil Reserves,' published as an official Document by the Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., 1924.

Testimony of George Creel

February 12, 1924. (P. 2123).

Mr. CREEL—It was in the early summer of 1919, I had been five months out of the employment of the Government, and as a consequence of certain articles I had written on the Mexican situation I entered the employ of Doheny as a public consultant. I was not to write, but to advise.

Now he had the clearest blue eyes I ever saw, and the most childlike candor, and he fascinated me to a point where I really wanted to write his life as a textbook, as an inspiration to young Americans.

(P. 2125).

Mr. CREEL—I think it was on November 5th that I was seen at my home in New York by Mr. Leo Stack, an old-time Denver friend of mine in whom I had the most complete confidence. Now Mr. Stack laid before me a proposition for the development of Teapot Dome.... Mr. Stack said that he wanted me associated with him in the matter; that we could expect to make a great deal of money together and that we would go forward in the oil business. So I saw Secretary Daniels. He simply said that he felt that an effort would be made to turn these things over to private interests, that he felt public opinion would uphold him in opposing it.

We then went to the Navy experts. They were Messrs. Stuart and Shafroth. We spent weeks trying to get them to listen to some proposition.... They held like Secretary Daniels that the thing was not even open to consideration. That no matter what effort was made to turn these things over to leases, that they themselves were not going to be a party to it in any degree.

(P. 2128).

SEN. WALSH—You had in mind, Mr. Creel, that the new administration would be more or less hospitable toward the idea of granting the leases.

Mr. CREEL—Why I think they were practically committed to the idea.

SEN. WALSH—Committed to it?

Mr. CREEL—Yes.

SEN. WALSH—But nevertheless you did also contemplate that you might be able to get it from the then existing administration.

Mr. CREEL—Yes, sir; I thought we could convince the naval experts. It seemed so attractive to me that I thought we could convince the Naval experts that it was a good proposition.

SEN. WALSH—You are not a practicing lawyer, Mr. Creel.

Mr. CREEL—No, sir.

SEN. WALSH—Do you practice before the Departments generally?

Mr. CREEL—Why I never took a cent in my life for any purpose other than writing, except that one time and here was my friend who came from Denver and who said: "We will go into the oil business together, George, and we will make a fortune." Now that may sound perfectly idiotic, Senator Walsh, but it did not seem so to me.

SEN. WALSH—Well, just exactly what were you going to do together with your friend, Mr. Stack?

Mr. CREEL—I was to go in with him and work these papers up and draw them up and work with him and be associated with him and continue to be in with him; I was to go into the oil business with him.

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(P. 2129).

SEN. WALSH—Well, how much money did you get from Mr. Stack?

MR. CREEL—\$5,000.00.

SEN. WALSH—And when was that paid to you?

MR. CREEL—I think it was paid about November 8.

SEN. WALSH—About the time the arrangement was entered into between you and him?

MR. CREEL—Yes, sir; a few days later.

SEN. WALSH—Did you suppose that that was Mr. Stack's own individual money?

MR. CREEL—Yes, sir, or I mean the people back of him.

SEN. WALSH—Still he did not disclose to you who his backer was?

MR. CREEL—No; because I think he kept talking about the exchange of oil with the Doheny companies, and so in our final talk he said he thought that I understood all the time that Mr. Doheny was his — associated with him.

(P. 2131).

SEN. WALSH—Well, really looking at it from the present standpoint, you see that it was a wildcat scheme?

MR. CREEL—From my standpoint it was a perfectly absurd thing for a writer to plunge into. If we all had the foresight that we have hindsight.

(P. 2132).

THE CHAIRMAN—Did he (Mr. Stack) explain to you why he came to you?

MR. CREEL—Yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN—Why?

MR. CREEL—In the first place he wanted somebody well known, and wanted somebody who could advise with him who knew about publicity, how to make it a practical proposition. And his original idea was, of course, that he came to see me because he thought I was close to the administration.

(P. 2135-6).

THE CHAIRMAN—Did you enter into a written contract with Mr. Stack?

MR. CREEL—No, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN—What was your oral contract?

MR. CREEL—The oral contract was that he said: "We will go into this business together, and make a stack of money. We are going into the oil business, and there will be a grubstake, and when we get the company formed we will enter into the question of salary and expenses."

THE CHAIRMAN—You had no arrangement then as to your share?

MR. CREEL—No, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN—How long was the grubstake for?

MR. CREEL—About six weeks. That is when I quit. I said, "I feel kind of fuzzy about this whole thing. I don't think I am cut out for an oil man anyway." I said, "I think I had better go back to writing." I said, "I will make any return on this thing that you want." I said, "I feel just silly and stupid about it." He said, "Well, I think that is about right." "But," he said, "you have wasted about six weeks of your time, and we will call it square."

THE CHAIRMAN—He was quite generous with you.

MR. CREEL—Yes, he was. In fact, I did not have money to give back to him. I told him when I got on my feet if he ever wanted it I would give it back.

THE CHAIRMAN—But you expected to have the Government give a lease to you.

MR. CREEL—Well, it is all so vague in my mind that I can not say.

THE CHAIRMAN—How could you have figured in it at all if it did not?

MR. CREEL—Well, we would have to have a company of some kind to handle it.

THE CHAIRMAN—The lease was to go to your company under your plan, was it not?

MR. CREEL—I presume so, Senator. It sounds more and more idiotic to me the more I think about it.

Testimony of John Leo Stack of Denver

(P. 2145).

Mr. STACK—Having known Mr. Creel for a number of years, both as a newspaper man and as police commissioner of my home city, Denver, and knowing that Mr. Creel was a warm personal friend of Mr. Daniels, I interested Mr. Creel in the proposition (to lease Teapot Dome) and asked him to make it possible for me to meet Mr. Daniels and present the matter to him personally. Mr. Creel arranged for the interview and accompanied me to Secretary Daniels's office. The Secretary was firm in his stand that he would not consider any proposition to open up the reserve.

(P. 2157).

Mr. STACK—I understand that Mr. Creel states that he didn't know that the \$5,000.00 I paid him came from Mr. Doheny. Mr. Creel knew that Mr. Doheny was the name and the man I mentioned was interested with me in seeing what could be accomplished on Teapot....

THE CHAIRMAN—That is, you say Mr. Creel knew that Mr. Doheny was your backer?

Mr. STACK—He knew that he was my backer, for I had talked to him about Mr. Doheny and the exchange of oil.

(P. 2158).

Mr. STACK—So Mr. Creel became interested. He said he had ambitions to be in business and at that time he was interested in the Pelman Institute of New York. And I said, "All right, there are plenty of Departments and work in an oil company that a man of your qualifications could fit in on. In other words, I will want somebody back here in the East who will take up the matters with the Departments that may arrive from time to time, and I would like you to take it seriously if you would want to go in with me; then I think, there will be a chance to make some real money for all of us."

THE CHAIRMAN—Was any definite proposition made?

Mr. STACK—No definite proposition as to the division of stock, because that was not up to me. Mr. Doheny was the man that it was up to as to what size company should be organized, and

how the stock should be divided, for the reason that Mr. Doheny was putting up the money.

THE CHAIRMAN—Did you hold out that there was a fortune in it for him?

Mr. STACK—Well, there is never a proposition yet, Mr. Senator, that is not a fortune to start with.... I may have stated to him that there was big money in it. It is a cinch, I didn't say there was a 'stack' of money.

But he decided that he would go in with it, and he told me that he was broke, and that he needed a grubstake. I said, "All right; what do you figure would be a fair proposition on a grubstake?" "Well," he said, "To carry me along a couple of months," he said, "I think \$5,000.00." I said, "That is all right with me, but I will see what I can do." I went to Mr. Doheny, and told him that I wanted to bring Creel in with me; that Creel could help me. That there was plenty of things that Creel could do that I couldn't do. And that was to meet the people here in Washington; that he knew them all. So Doheny said, "All right! And he gave me \$5,000.00 for Mr. Creel."

(P. 2159).

THE CHAIRMAN—Now, just what did you have in mind in employing Mr. Creel to do?

Mr. STACK—I wanted Mr. Creel to introduce me to the different members of the departments which I would have to come in contact with.

(P. 2160).

THE CHAIRMAN—Well, go on, Mr. Creel was with you in all these conferences; he introduced you?

Mr. STACK—I wouldn't say all. He introduced me to Secretary Daniels. And he told Secretary Daniels what I was interested in, who I was, and Daniels expressed himself as still opposed to the opening of the reserve.

(Pages 1956-7).

Testimony of Mr. E. L. Doheny

SEN. STANFIELD—Approximately what date did Mr. Stack repay you the \$8,250.00? (Doheny paid Mr. Stack \$8,250.00 as ex-

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penses to try to negotiate on Teapot Dome. Later on Mr. Stack made his own deal with Pioneer Oil Co.)

MR. DOHENY—I do not remember what date it was. My books will show that, though, exactly.

SEN. STANFIELD—Now, a moment ago, you stated, Mr. Doheny, that some other certain person than Mr. Stack said to you that Mr. Daniels would lease the Teapot Dome. Who was that other person?

MR. DOHENY—George Creel.

SEN. STANFIELD—Who is that?

MR. DOHENY—George Creel.

SEN. STANFIELD—And just what did he say?

MR. DOHENY—Well, I do not say that —

THE CHAIRMAN—(interposing)—Who was George Creel?

MR. DOHENY—George Creel was the publicity agent for the Democratic administration during the War. He was the man who made the head of the administration famous in Europe. George Creel was employed by Stack to endeavor to get this lease and to head off any granting of these leases to Republicans after the change of administration.

SEN. WALSH—Mr. Doheny, did you have any talk with Mr. Creel about this?

MR. DOHENY—No, sir.

SEN. WALSH—Creel's connection with the matter was only what Stack told you?

MR. DOHENY—Well, it was a little better; more than that.

SEN. WALSH—Tell us more about it.

MR. DOHENY—His connection with it was that Stack had to pay him \$5,000.00 for his influence, and I furnished the check.

SEN. WALSH—I meant that Stack told you he had to pay Creel \$5,000.00.

MR. DOHENY—Yes, sir.

SEN. WALSH—And you made the check out to Stack or to Creel?

MR. DOHENY—I think it was made out to Creel.

Issued by
California Democratic Governor's League
M. J. Brown, Secy., 2000 Holly Drive, Los Angeles

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CREEL, George
Washington, D. C.
10-18-34.

Copy of letter he wrote to Mr. Upton Sinclair, re Mr. Sinclair's "Immediate Epic", declaring it to be at utter variance with their understanding. Mr. Creel points out why he cannot approve of Mr. Sinclair's platform, and withdraws his offer to campaign in his (Sinclair's) behalf.

Mr. Early's pencil note: "Confidential but may be released by Creel in California later S. E."

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CREEL, George
DOWNEY, Sheridan
SINCLAIR, Upton
Sacramento, Calif.,
9-20-34. (telegram)

By direction of their State Convention, both delegates and spectators, inform the President of their complete harmony and overwhelming acclamation for the New Deal in California, and for California help for the President in bringing the New Deal to the whole nation.

SEE 300-Calif.

See Townsend, Dr. R. F.

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CREEL, George, Esq.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

"Monday Evening" - (No date - Filed 10/19/34)

Writes to Mr. Early enclosing telegram which he got from Dr. E. F. Townsend, with copy of his answer to same. Mr. Creel states that the latest reports are that Dr. Townsend has gone Republican and is endorsing Republican candidates for Congress out there. Mr. Creel will be in Washington the following Wednesday morning and would like an appointment with the President for Wed. Thurs., or Friday afternoon.

See Townsend, Dr. E. F.

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CHENERY, William L, Esq.,
Collier's,
New York, N.Y.
November 2, 1934

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Writes to Mr. Early stating that Mr. George Creel had written a very fine article dealing with the long range program of public works, which they are planning to use in their issue of December 7th. States that the manuscript will have to go to press on the next Friday, and asks to have some word concerning the copy which Mr. Creel sent the President.

See Collier's

YARWOOD, WALTER, A., Esq.,
1015 L. St., (State Board of Equalization)
Sacramento, Calif.
December 29, 1934

Sends Col. Howe "Installment No. 35" - clippings written by
Upton Sinclair, in which he attacks Prof. Raymond Moley and also
George Creel.

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Creel, George,
San Francisco, Cal.
Dec. 19, 1934.

Encloses letter from Jas. T. Walter, St. Helena, Calif. addressed to the President - in interviewing several thousand people the past few months in the interests of the Townsend Plan, finds two dominating factors in the expressed thought of the great majority of our American Citizens. Number one is that people of America have implicit faith in the President and number two is that the Townsend Plan, when it is fully understood by the American people will receive 80 to 90% endorsement.

SEE 494-A Old Age Pension Folder.

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GERARD, Hon. James W.,
New York, N.Y.
September 10, 1934

Writes Col. Howe regarding a friend of his who sent a check for \$1,000 for the Democratic Fund. The "friend" believes it was a serious mistake for George Creel to have become a candidate for election in California; that Wm. R. Hearst has stated that he believes that Mr. Upton Sinclair has a fair chance of election and that it is his belief that if Sinclair is elected in Nov. he will be a formidable candidate for the Presidency against Franklin D. Roosevelt, in 1936, etc.

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Roets, Miss Helen M.,
San Francisco, Calif.,
Sept. 6, 1934, Ack'd.

Expresses loyalty and faith in the New Deal. Hopes that George Greel
will receive the nomination on Democratic ticket for governor. President's
address at Greenbay was very interesting.

SEE 300-CALIFORNIA "R"

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INTERIOR, Secretary of
May 18, 1934

The President referred to him by memo. on the above date, for preparation of reply, a telegram from Mr. George Creel, dated May 17th, asking the President to interceed in winning federal approval and financing of Central Valley water project. -- Reply sent over the President's signature, June 5th.

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DAVIES, Joseph E.
Washington, D. C.
5-28-34.

Forwards letter received by him from Mr. George Creel, relative to his campaign for the Democratic nomination for governor of California, against John B. Elliott of Los Angeles. Mr. Creel states that the purpose of his letter is to ask Mr. Davies to see the President and acquaint him with the situation, and try to secure for him from the President, some distinguished mark of favor along non-political lines, -- suggests a call to Washington for a conference about the N. R. A. States that such a conference is essential. Mr. Davies asks Mr. Howe to get this matter to the attention of the President.

(Attached is Mr. Howe's Memorandum for the President, June 8, 1934, commenting on Mr. Creel.)

SEE 300-Galif., C.

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O'KEEFE, H. R.
Los Angeles, California,
8-10-34.

Writes to the President re ^{See} Creel vs. Wardell, and says he has talked with Mr. Creel and is of the opinion that he has a much better understanding of the President's policies than anyone in the field. Encloses copy of article which he gave to Mr. Creel, entitled "No More Frontiers - New Purchasing Power", and which concerns the decentralization of industry, and the completion of the very necessary industry-accessible-to-the-soil structure. Commends the President's Green Bay Address.

Mr. O'Keefe's letter referred to the Postmaster General Aug. 14 by Mr. Howe, with request for suggestion as to reply. Reply received from Mr. Farley under date of Aug. 20.

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O'CONNOR, J. F. T., Esq.,
Comptroller of the Currency,
Washington, D. C.
August 16, 1934

Writes to Col. Howe embodying in his letter quotation
of a comment with reference to the California governorship,-
wherein General Hugh S. Johnson is criticized for getting
into the political controversy in California. in putting his
personal O.K. on Creel.

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Cobb, Zach Lamar,
Los Angeles, Calif.,
Aug. 18, 1934.

Encloses Examiner editorial of August 16th, favoring Wardell for Governor.
States that Sinclair, Greel, and Wardell are the only three candidates who
have any chance for the nomination. Greel faces the opposition of the Hearst
and McClatchy papers and of the personal following of Senator Hiram Johnson.

Wants to come to Washington to discuss with the President the Metropolitan Water
District.

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Hoffert, James A.,
Federal Housing Administrator,
Washington, D. C.,
Aug. 22, 1954.

Referred to the Chairman of the Democratic National Committee

August 22, 1954 gave his address to Price Grogan from
George R. Seals, Commander, San Bernardino County Council
Amer. Legion, Victorville, Calif.

On above date, by Col. Howe:-
Letter dated 8/11/54 from
George R. Seals, Commander, San Bernardino County Council
Amer. Legion, Victorville, Calif.
Asks if George Creel is the man President favors for Gov.
of California, or if he favors Mr. Creel for anything else.

See 200-California - S - has nothing whatever in his files regarding

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Moffett, James A.,
Federal Housing Administrator,
Washington, D. C.,
Aug. 23, 1934.

Returns telegram Col. McI. gave him addressed to Brice Claggett from George Creel "Appointment of Swinerton as District head of Housing Program causing bitterest resentment. Everybody knows that it is a personal appointment of Kingsbury, President of Standard Oil and Herbert Fleischaker and even worse Swinerton is a contractor who stands to benefit by appointment. Please see Moffett immediately and point out that the entire Democratic organization stands solidly behind Wm. H. Evans who has endorsements on file with Moffett high standing and absolute fitness".

Moffett states that he has had no recommendations or endorsements in behalf of William H. Evans - has nothing whatever in his files regarding him.

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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

August 28, 1934.

On the above date Mr. Howe forwarded to the Dem. National Committee letter from Estelle Fahlenkamp, San Diego, Calif. Has had no reply to her last 2 letters relative to Sinclair, Greel, and Wardell.

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CERF, Marcel
San Francisco, Calif.
8-24-34. (telegram)

Asks the President to send a telegram to George Creel expressing the hope that he will achieve the Democratic nomination for Governor, without which message from the President, Mr. Cerf says Mr. Creel's future usefulness as a militant soldier in the fight for the New Deal will be so seriously impaired as to be practically destroyed, and his personal humiliation will overwhelm him.

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MEMORANDUM to Mrs. Roosevelt,
5-17-34.

Mr. Early writes about the situation in California respecting George Creel and Upton Sinclair. Says that the President's policy is one of "hands off," and unless Mrs. Roosevelt wants to write to Mr. Sinclair concerning other subjects, Mr. Early says he doesn't think he would comment on the marked paragraph. Mr. Early refers also to the last sentence of paragraph three of Mr. Sinclair's letter.

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DEMOCRAT CLUB OF SAN BERNARDO

San Fernando, Calif.

July 24, 1934.

Wire addressed to Mr. Howe in regard to Hugh Johnsons endorsement of George Creel, Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate. Understands that this endorsement is of the National Administration, and would appreciate wire affirming or denying report.

See 300-California-S

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WADDELL, James E.
Oakland, California
June 14, 1934

Writes to Sec. Howe re democratic nomination for Governor of California. Feels that the Creel - Wardell battle has progressed as he predicted in his May 1st letter and that every Catholic in the state knows of Creels anti-Catholic writings. Also comments on Sinclair who he hopes will not be elected. Has been asked to become a Fusion candidate for Governor but has heard rumors that the Administration has a Fusion candidate. If this is true would like to know the name of the man who is to be the candidate.

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copy of telegram

Long Beach, Calif.

8/21/34

STEPHEN EARLY
THE WHITE HOUSE

THE DEMOCRATIC RACE FOR GOVERNOR IN CALIFORNIA IS APPROACHING AN ALARMING SITUATION. CREEK AND SINCLAIR EACH ADVOCATING THEIR SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND EACH CLAIMING ITS APPROVAL OF THEIR CANDIDACY. THE RESULT WILL BE A THREE WAY SPLIT OF DEMOCRATIC VOTES BETWEEN WARDEN CREEK AND SINCLAIR. WITH THE SUPPORT OF SOCIALISTS AND THOUSANDS OF REPUBLICANS REGISTERED DEMOCRATS WILL RESULT IN SINCLAIR NOMINATION IN THE PRIMARY AND THE ELECTION OF A REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR IN THE GENERAL ELECTION.

D.N.C.

Cleveland Hayter, Sec'y.,
National Roosevelt Ass'n.

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CREEL, George
Los Angeles, Cal.
Aug. 13, 1934

Writes Mr. McIntyre re the campaign for Governor of Cal., and his chances in the contest, stating that ~~if~~ Upton Sinclair, whose platform is half Socialistic and half communistic, is stating that President approves his Epic Plan, and wants repudiation of the same. States he can win hands down if given help from Washington. Asks that Jim Farley be permitted to issue a statement to the effect that the so-called Epic Plan has no relation to the New Deal. Wants a letter from President thanking him for services as District Chairman of the NRA. Encloses many clippings. Mr. McIntyre wrote Aug. 16, stating that President made a statement on March 23 re the "hands off" policy when attempts are made to involve him in local political party contests. Also another inflexible rule is that the White House cannot be denying stories and rumors of Presidential approval of this, that or the other policy of some individual candidate.

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CARREL, George
Collier's Weekly,
Washington, D. C.
Nov. 14, 1935

Writes Mr. Farley, enclosing suggested message to the Postmaster General from President, for inclusion in San Francisco broadcast Nov. 22. -- President accordingly wrote Mr. Farley Nov. 15, conveying to the people of the Pacific Coast congratulations. Says he is informed inauguration of Trans-Pacific sky mail also celebrates 100th anniversary of arrival of first clipper ship in San Francisco. Says, in part: "The years between the two events mark a century of progress that is without parallel, and it is our just pride that America and Americans have played no minor part in the blazing of new trails. There can be no higher hope than that this heritage of courage, daring, initiative and enterprise will be conserved and intensified."

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JOHN. GURNE,
New York, N.Y.
April 29, 1935.

(COPY)

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Memorandum for Mr. Kannee:

Make luncheon appointment for H. G.
Wells on Thursday, March 14th, and notify
Geo. Creel. RB


Original memo filed - Wells, H. G.

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CREEL, GEORGE,
New York, N.Y.
April 29, 1935.

Encloses cartoon and editorial to Mr. Early. (Penciled Memo to the President as follows: "Think Creel's "we" is editorial as this is Roy Howard's paper and handiwork." Signed by Mr. Early.

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My dear George:

Your note of recent date, together with the enclosures from Tom Beck, have been received. In accordance with the announced procedure, this material is being submitted to the Division of Applications and Information, under the direction of the Honorable Frank Walker.

With kindest regards.

Very sincerely yours,

STEPHEN EARLY
Assistant Secretary
to the President

Mr. George Creel,
1009 National Press Building,
Washington, D. C.

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DAI: Plan of Miss Gertrude B. Lane for work relief, under which private citizens would be permitted to match government money, dollar for dollar, on projects that would be for the public weal. Also let. to Mr. Creel from Tom Beck, Crowell Pub. Co., 250 Park Ave., N.Y.C.

May 11, 1935.

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Dear George:

Your note of May tenth, with enclosed correspondence from Clarence A. Linn, has been received. I am passing Mr. Linn's plan along to the proper Federal Housing officials for consideration. He, no doubt, will hear further from them.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

STEPHEN EARLY
Assistant Secretary to the
President

Mr. George Creel,
Collier's,
250 Park Avenue,
New York City.

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CREEL, George, Esq.,
Collier's Magazine,
New York, N.Y.
Filed - May 6, 1935

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Writes Sec'y. Early enclosing typed sheet, captioned, "Proposed Presidential Platform of Hon. Eugene Talmadge". Writer states tho' he may be critical at times, he is for the President.

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ROBB, Hampton
New York City
June 11, 1935.

Writes Miss LeHand enclosing copy of letter he has just sent Jack Warner and would be interested in learning her reaction to his suggested subject for the film to be shown at the National Convention at Milwaukee. Encloses a list of 30 subjects, at the President's request, as a basis from which to make a personal selection of 9 subjects to be featured in the films that Mr. Warner has agreed to produce. - The President replied from Hyde Park, N. Y. on June 22, giving his thought on the subject dividing the groups of governmental agencies into three classifications, and subdividing them again 3 times. Invites him to Washington on June 24, to discuss this matter. - On July 19, Thomas H. Beck, Pres. Crowell Publishing Co. NYC, writes Mr. McIntyre saying President gave George Creel and himself the attached papers, which he is returning, as requested.

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ICKES, Sec. Harold (Interior)
June 20, 1935

Mr. McIntyre sent a confidential memo, for his information, saying a friend had written in saying California Democrats are up in arms over appointment of Halbert Gardner as regional director of the Nat. Resources Board. Mr. Gardner is a former Republican national committeeman from Maine, and throughout his brief residence in Cal. has been registered as a Republican. That, however, is not the real offense. Claiming to be the close personal friend of the President, Attorney General Cummings and himself, Sec. Ickes, he sold his alleged influence for \$7,000., collected \$1,175. and sued for balance in the Superior Court of Los Angeles last January. He lost his case. Attached in file is a letter of June 17 from George Creel, of Cal., who wrote Mr. McIntyre informing him of this predicament.

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Diel, Marshall,
Pres., Bohemian Club,
San Francisco, Calif.
June 21, 1935.

The Board of Directors of the Bohemian Club have asked him to advise the President that they would be deeply honored if he would accept an invitation to be their guest at the Bohemian Grove in California between July 19th and August 3rd. Is asking George Creel as their intermediary more fully and more gracefully to urge his acceptance.

SEE 200-L "S"

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CREEL, GEORGE

Filed July 1, 1935.

Sends Extracts from Upton Sinclair's 1936
Presidential Campaign Policy booklet, "We, the People of America", released
June 20th, 1935.

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LEE, EDWARD J.,
Minneapolis, Minn.
July 26, 1935.

Calls the President's attention to the article, entitled
"The Amateur Touch" in COLLIER'S of Aug. 3rd. Writes that Mr. George Creel
who wrote this article has missed the situation in Minnesota. Sends the
President a copy of the Report of Minnesota Patronage Appointments, as
authorized by a resolution of the Minnesota Democratic State Central Committee.
States that attempts have been made to place the blame on the shoulders
of Mr. Joseph Wolf, Democratic National Committeeman from Minnesota.

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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY PHILLIPS
October 31, 1935

On above date Col. McIntyre referred to Mr. Phillips a memo to himself from Mr. George Creel, representing Collier's Weekly, enclosing a cable to Breckenridge Long, asking him to be of every possible assistance to W. L. Courtney, Collier's representative. Col. McIntyre asks if Mr. Phillips could convey this request to Mr. Long.

See Courtney, W. L.

On March 3, 1936, Hon. R. Walton Moore, State Department, wrote to Col. McIntyre re the above, ~~and~~ stating that in compliance with the request Ambassador Long took the matter up personally with the appropriate officials in the Italian Government, who in turn put their facilities at Mr. Courtney's disposal. Mr. Courtney published in the Feb. 22nd edition of Colliers an article which is characterized as being bitterly critical of Italy, and objections have been raised by the Italians, who consider that it misrepresents facts and makes erroneous personal comment about Ciano, who is Mussolini's son-in-law. Mr. Moore states that this development has put Mr. Long, in his official capacity, in "a rather embarrassing position."

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Creel, George,
New York.
June 15, 1935.

Letter addressed to Jim Farley - states that the epic movement is now a process of disintegration, although Sinclair insists that he means to make a national tour. Sheridan Downey, who ran with Sinclair for lieutenant governor, is now a Townsend leader, having broken with Sinclair definitely. Cuthbert Olson, elected state chairman by the Epics, has also split away, quarreling openly and stormily with Sinclair. The Utopian movement has collapsed along with the Epic and the Townsends seem to be the dominant cult in Southern California at present. Has Roosevelt clubs in every county, and all are flourishing.

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The following sent messages of congratulation to the President on his re-election.

COSTA, Debruyñ Palacios
Nov. 6, 1936

DE LA GRANGE, Baron and Baroness A.
Paris, France
Nov. 6, 1936 (ack. by President)

LOUDOUN, H. H.
Atlanta, Ga.
Dec. 14, 1936

BROWN, Jack
Dubuque Printing Pressmen and
Assistants Union No. 225
Dubuque, Iowa
Dec. 11, 1936

FULLER, Miss Elizabeth K.
Kokomo, Ind.
Dec. 2, 1936

TUCHLER, Joseph K.
Philadelphia, Pa.
Dec. 17, 1936 (ack.)

BERLE, A. A. Sr.
New York, N. Y.
Nov. 4, 1936

KAVANAUGH, C. C.
Little Rock, Ark.
Dec. 14, 1936

CALLAHAN, Mr. and Mrs. W. W.
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Dec. 15, 1936

CREEL, George
Washington, D. C.
Nov. 5, 1936 (Rec'd.)

SHERVINGTON, Stanley M. ?
New York, N. Y.
Nov. 26, 1936

BISHOP, Brig. Gen. P. P.
Fort Mills, Philippine Islands
Nov. 12, 1936

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See P.P.F. 200- Re-election cong. (initial of writer.)

CREEL, George

Executive Committee, Golden Gate International Exposition,
San Francisco, Calif.

Aug. 18, 1936

Telegraphed the President, requesting message from him on occasion of the breaking of ground for the Golden Gate International Exposition on Aug. 21. Wants the President to press key, as signal for U. S. Army to raise American flag at site. -- Mr. McIntyre sent to memo to Mr. Early on Aug. 19, asking that he advise Mr. Creel in this matter. -- Mr. Early wired Mr. McIntyre on Aug. 19, embodying suggested message for the President to send to Mr. Creel on this occasion, which message states in part: "I trust that the Golden Gate International Exposition will fulfill the highest aspirations of its directors in exemplifying to the nations of the earth the progress and achievements of the arts of peace in the Pacific area of the United States STOP I know that those in charge will embrace this splendid opportunity to promote peace and good will among nations and among individuals." Mr. Early also embodied copy of Mr. Creel's wire to the President in this telegram to Mr. McIntyre. -- It is indicated that this message was not sent, but that it was settled over telephone.

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STEVENS, Willard E. - Critchfield & Co.,
Chicago, Illinois
August 7, 1936

Writes the President re his plans for reviving the quaint, old publication of the old Harper's Weekly, showing the illustrations of fifty years ago and working up to the present time, showing the improvements that have been affected. Says he is going to approach George Creel, or someone with his ability, for editor. Says he is not interested in this for personal profit and would not care to launch it if it did not meet with President's approval. Says Mr. W. Forbes Morgan advised him that his proposal is of such interest it is being placed before Charles Michelson. - On August 17, the President replied saying he thinks there is always room for a magazine of the high calibre of the old Harper's Weekly and is glad he is planning this revival. Says he always liked the subtitle of the old weekly: "A Journal of Civilization." Wishes him success in this venture. - On August 21, Mr. Early sent a memo to Mr. Michelson referring this correspondence for his information.

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CHRISTOPHER, Stephy, Esq.,
San Leandro, Calif.
January 23, 1936

George
Writes The President regarding his being able to secure the EPIC vote of the State of California; refers to McAdoo and Greel; gives his views and suggestions regarding the political situation there, etc.

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See 300-California -"C"

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Harrison, Maurice E.,
San Francisco, Calif.
Feb. 1, 1936.

Telegram addressed to George Creel: Your letter 29th have talked to Ed Heller and he tells me that his mother has reached definite and final conclusion that she will not be one of delegates although of course she is as enthusiastic as ever in support of President. Am writing Air Mail on other matters.

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HARRISON, Maurice E., Esq.,
San Francisco, Calif.
February 5, 1936

Writes letter to Hon. George Creel, Washington D. C. enclosing copy of
a letter which he received from Alfonso J. Zirpoli about the desire of the
Young Democrats for recognition on the delegation.

See 300-California - XYZ

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CHEEL, GEORGE
Wash., D.C.
Jan. 14, 1936.

Sends the President three Ivory cigarette holders. Requests copy of President's book, autographed in return.

See P.P.F.9-C

George Cheel's suggestion he has prepared a bill on the maritime labor situation. Secretary of Labor, writes Mr. Melnyk arranged a conference between Mr. Meyer, Schwarzenberg and Patrick O'Brien, of the union, to discuss the maritime situation along the Gulf and the Great Lakes and the proposed drafting of the legislation that would set up a maritime board along the lines of the Railway Labor Act. Says the union men were divided as to whether to endorse such a bill. Recommends that the President take no part in drafting or supporting such a bill at this time. Says if Mr. Meyer drafts a bill he should get some Senator and a Congressman to present the bill. - Mr. Melnyk indicates he concurs in this opinion. - George Cheel writes Mr. Melnyk on Feb. 19 attaching clipping from the San Francisco News, the one metropolitan daily in Northern California, that is for the New Deal. This clipping is entitled "Perennial to EPIC", and states Union Sinclair announces he is retiring from politics to write a novel. Says it confirms his repeated statements that there was no longer an Epic-Laborer movement in California. Says half of the Epic crowd has come back into the party without reservation. Some are Socialists and Communists and are holding to the End Poverty League. Stresses the importance of having the President see Joseph Eastman and Mr. Meyer. Thinks that now is the time to get across a Maritime Board. Attaches a letter of Feb. 14 to him from H.F. Melnikow of the Pacific Coast Labor Bureau who writes Mr. Cheel on this subject. Mr. Cheel thinks Mr. Melnikow is probably the best informed man on the Coast.

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BEYER, Otto S. - Director, Section of Labor, Federal
Coordinator of Transportation.
February 6, 1936.

Sends memo to Mr. McIntyre, saying at George Creel's suggestion he has prepared attached observations on the maritime labor situation. Edward F. McGrady, Ass't. Secretary of Labor, writes Mr. McIntyre on Feb. 11, stating he arranged a conference between Mr. Beyer, Victor Olander, Paul Scharrenberg and Patrick O'Brien, of the International Seamen's Union, to discuss the maritime situation covering both Coasts, the Gulf and the Great Lakes and the proposal of George Creel of drafting the legislation that would set up a maritime board along the lines of the Railway Labor Act. Says the union men were divided on whether to endorse such a bill. Recommends that the President take no part in drafting or supporting such a bill at this time. Says if Mr. Beyer drafts a bill he should get some Senator and a Congressman to present the bill. - Mr. McIntyre indicates he concurs in this opinion. - George Creel writes Mr. McIntyre on Feb. 17 attaching clipping from the San Francisco News, the one metropolitan daily in Northern California, that is for the New Deal. This clipping is entitled "Farewell to EPIC", and states Upton Sinclair announces he is retiring from politics to write a novel. Says it confirms his repeated statements that there was no longer an Epic-Democratic movement in California. Says half of the Epic crowd has come back into the party without reservation. Some are Socialists and Communists and are holding to the End Poverty League. Stresses the importance of having the President see Joseph Eastman and Mr. Beyer. Thinks that now is the time to put across a Maritime Board. Attaches a letter of Feb. 14 to him from H.P. Melnikow of the Pacific Coast Labor Bureau who writes Mr. Creel on this subject. Mr. Creel thinks Mr. Melnikow is probably the best informed man on the Coast.

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HAWKINS, Mrs. Jessie Kemp, (HAWKINS, Mrs. Chuncey J.)
Berkeley, Calif.
February 6, 1936

Writes to Mrs. Roosevelt protesting against Senator (Wm. G.) McAdoo and George Creel; states they are injuring the President's popularity there. States further that those of them who wish to re-register as Democrats and vote for the President because of what he has accomplished for social betterment in so many ways, and lately because of "Al Smith's terode and pernicious influence of the Liberty League, are also waiting to see if these two men are to control this state", etc.

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Personal & Confidential Memorandum for Sec. Ickes,
2-18-36.

In accordance with the President's typewritten note "Show to Ickes" Mr. McIntyre forwarded letter dated Feb. 10, 1936 that he received from George Creel, Washington Correspondent for Colliers, Washington, D. C., re suggesting to the President the name of Col. Walker Young as a successor to (Dr. Elwood) Mead, (Commissioner of Reclamation). Mr. McIntyre asked that the letter be returned when Sec. Ickes has finished with it.

SEE 8-E for exact copy of Memorandum.

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March 2, 1936

Dear George:

I am returning herewith the letter to you from Francis Carr, which you passed along to me the other day. Thanks a lot for letting me see it.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

M. H. MCINTYRE
Assistant Secretary
to the President

George Creel, Esq.,
734 - 15th Street,
Washington, D. C.

Enclosure

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Letter of 2-18-36 to Mr. Creel from Francis Carr, of Carr & Kennedy, Redding, Calif., re political situation - status of voting registration in his county - in Calif., showing gain in Democratic leads.

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CREEL, George, Esq.,
Collier's Magazine,
New York, N.Y.

March 16, 1936

Writes note to Col. McIntyre stating that a friend of his in San Francisco wrote him that while in Palm Springs recently he saw John J. Raskob, and that he looked as queer in shorts as Al Smith must have felt at the DuPont Liberty League dinner.

See Raskob, John J.

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CREEL, George,
New York, N.Y.
March 14, 1936.

Washington Correspondent, encloses poem from Ed Heller who
he writes, is one of the richest families in California. Thinks President will
get a chuckle out of it.

Referred to Charles Michelson 3-19-36.

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Farley, James A.,
Democratic National Committee,
New York City.
March 23, 1936.

Attaches registration figures ^{for California} which George Creel sent him on March 20th.

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CREEL, Mr. George
Washington, D. C.,
3-19-36.

Letter to Mr. McIntyre introducing Mr. Hjalmar Rutzebeck, who has been running a large Co-operative (see * below) in Santa Barbara (California) for the last year. Mr. Creel stated that the entire community is back of him as a result of his splendid showing, and endorses his application for \$165,000 and that there is no question that with this money a model Co-operative can be set up, not only for California but for the entire country. Mr. Creel also stated that Sen. McAdoo talked with the President about this, as they are all confident that a word from the President to Hopkins or to Tugwell will get the money. He asked to be advised if the President has done anything about this, and if not, if Mr. McIntyre will speak to him before he goes.

(*Santa Barbara County Co-operative Industries)

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Creel, George,
New York, N.Y.
May 19, 1936.

Encloses list of the officers of the Chinese Democratic Club. Writer states that every vote in San Francisco's Chinatown is a Roosevelt vote.

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STEVENS, Willard E. - Critchfield & Co.,
Chicago, Illinois
August 7, 1936

Writes the President re his plans for reviving the quaint, old publication of the old Harper's Weekly, showing the illustrations of fifty years ago and working up to the present time, showing the improvements that have been affected. Says he is going to approach George Creel, or someone with his ability, for editor. Says he is not interested in this for personal profit and would not care to launch it if it did not meet with President's approval. Says Mr. W. Forbes Morgan advised him that his proposal is of such interest it is being placed before Charles Michelson. - On August 17, the President replied saying he thinks there is always room for a magazine of the high calibre of the old Harper's Weekly and is glad he is planning this revival. Says he always liked the subtitle of the old weekly: "A Journal of Civilization." Wishes him success in this venture. - On August 21, Mr. Early sent a memo to Mr. Michelson referring this correspondence for his information.

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Farley, James A.,
Democratic National Committee,
New York City.

Aug. 11, 1936.

Attaches copy of letter received from George Creel, San Francisco, California,
which was in reply to his letter to July 16th, concerning the political situation
in California. Says that California will be safe for Roosevelt.

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Secretary of Commerce,
8-30-37

By Memorandum for Mr. McIntyre, Secretary Roper inquired how to reply to such inquiries as propounded in the attached letter of Charles M. Hay, St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 28, 1937. Mr. Hay referred to a speech made by Sen. Guffey in which he indicated that it is the wish of the Administration that all friends line up against the men who fought the President's Court plan, and to a speech made by Postmaster Farley contrary to this implication; this question has come to him in connection with Sen. Clark's candidacy for re-election. Secretary Roper also asked to be advised re the President's desire in the matter of having William Jennings Bryan, Jr. appointed Vice Chairman of the Golden Gate Exposition; said that George Creel, the Commissioner General will be here to confer with him about Exposition matters next week, and he would like to have the information re Mr. Bryan.

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MEMORANDUM - September 3, 1937

Clipping (pen notation as follows: "Creel sarcastic - wise-cracking") as follows:-

Mr. George Creel, former candidate for Governor of California and now Federal Exposition Representative at San Francisco, announces that he will not be a candidate for Governor of California. That is something. However, Brother Creel has made sarcastic wise-cracks concerning all of the tentative candidates so it is within the realm of possibility that he will change his mind. George didn't run very fast when he entered the gubernatorial race here some four years ago."

See 300-California -"C"

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McADOO, Senator William Gibbs
June 25, 1937.

Writes James Roosevelt he understands from George Creel that he (Mr. Roosevelt) desires a memorandum in the matter of the transfer of John F. Montgomery from Hungary to Holland. Urges that Mr. Montgomery remain at the post in Budapest. Gives various reasons.

SEE 507 (Official File)

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BRYAN, Wm. Jennings Jr.
Los Angeles, Cal.
Sept. 25, 1937

Writes Mr. McIntyre advising re his appointment as Vice Commissioner of the Golden Gate Exposition, he is enclosing a copy of a letter from George Creel, Commissioner, dated Sept. 23, revoking this appointment. Wants Mr. McIntyre's suggestions before he sees Mr. Creel. On Sept. 25, Mr. Creel, by memo, also sent Mr. McIntyre a copy of his letter to Mr. Bryan. -- On Sept. 30, Mr. McIntyre radioed from the U.S.S. PHELPS to Mr. Creel stating he wants to talk to him by telephone as soon as possible about the Assistant Commissionership.

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O'CONNOR, J.F.T. - Comptroller of the Currency,
Sept. 10, 1937

Writes Mr. McIntyre confidentially stating that in talking to the Secretary of Commerce recently he learned that Sec. Roper had no knowledge that Mr. W.J. Bryan Jr. was to be appointed assistant commissioner at the San Francisco Exposition. Says they discussed this matter, and that Sec. Roper was a little surprised that George Creel had not taken the matter up. Asks what the program is and if it has been changed. -- Attached is a copy of a wire from Mr. Bryan dated Sept. 25 from Los Angeles, Calif., to Mr. O'Connor stating a letter from Mr. Creel arrived this date and quotes that Mr. Creel says decision is forced on him that his assistant must be a trained technician. Mr. Creel also says that Sec. Roper and Mr. McIntyre approve of this decision but share deep regrets. Mr. Bryan asks for lowdown, stating he will arrive in Washington soon and will contact him immediately.

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CREEL, George

Commissioner, United States Golden Gate International Exposition Commission
October 5, 1937

Writes Mr. McIntyre re arrangements for the Commission, concerning appointment of William Jennings Bryan, Jr., and for appointment of Commissioner for Los Angeles. Will see Mr. McIntyre Friday or Saturday and release announcement of appointment to papers.

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CREEL, Hon. George,
San Francisco, Calif.
Aug. 4, 1937.

On the above date Miss LeHand wrote to Mr. Creel forwarding to him a letter from Egbert T. Curtis, re his brother, Walter Curtis, who wants to be appointed Ass't to George Creel.

See Curtis, Walter

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Presidential Memorandum for George Creel, Washington Correspondent of Colliers,
(Personal and Confidential)

4-12-37

The President asked Mr. Creel to check with Tom Beck regarding statements which are alleged by Kenneth P. Gregg of New York (writing from Wilton, Conn.) to have been made against the President by George W. Martin of New York at a Town Hall mass meeting debate in Wilton on Feb. 27, held to discuss the President's Judiciary Reorganization plan. (With this memorandum the President forwarded letter from Mr. Gregg to the Attorney General, March 6, the Attorney General's forwarding letter of March 15, letter from Mr. Langdon P. Marvin, New York to the President, April 5 in response to the President's note of March 19, and letter from Mr. Martin to the President, April 5 denying the allegation.) ----- On April 20, 1937 Mr. Creel returned the above file to Mr. McIntyre, and enclosed letter dated April 19, 1937 addressed to the President by Mr. Thomas Beck, President of the Crowell Publishing Company, New York, April 19, informing him that the meeting at Wilton was engineered and organized by one Evans Hubbard, Republican reactionary, acting independently and without either the approval or the aid of the Republican Town Chairman, and condemning Mr. Martin's address - stating that even though Martin claims to be a friend of the President of thirty years standing, he considers him a vicious enemy of the President's and "an outrageously ungentlemanly fellow;" also that immediately after his (Beck's) protest, he left the hall and subsequently, Devere Allen, several Republicans, and Numerous Democrats expressed to him their personal approval of his rebuke to Mr. Martin.

SEE P.P.F. 3628

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CREEL, George
Washington, D.C.
April 20, 1937

Writes Mr. McIntyre, urging that Titus Alexander, Director of Negro Democratic Activities of Southern California, be appointed one of Board of Visitors to West Point in June, 1937. -- Mr. McIntyre, by memo, advised the President that he does not approve of this suggestion, and the President, in turn, advised Mr. McIntyre to ask Mr. Creel to suggest some other place. -- Mr. McIntyre so wrote Mr. Creel on April 26. -- Photographs of Mr. Alexander's brother, a West Point graduate, attached.

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CREEL, George
Washington, D. C.
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Wrote to Mr. McIntyre re the President's telephoning to Senator (Joseph T.) Robinson not to enter opposition when Senators (Wm G.) McAdoo and (Hiram W.) Johnson ask unanimous consent for approval of the San Francisco Exposition bill carrying appropriation of \$1,750,000. (This request is made apparently in the interest of the passage of the bill providing for the New York World's Fair.)

SEE 2148 (Official File)

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CREEL, George

Wash., D.C.

June 12 ?, 1937

Writes Mr. Early enclosing a letter he received dated June 5, from C.M. Vandeburg, Director of Promotion, Golden Gate International Exposition, Feb. 18 - Dec. 2, 1939, saying to provide a suitable introduction to the Exposition's proposed de luxe brochure, they would like very much to have a message from the President which would give definite prestige to their pre-Exposition period. Draft message attached. - Mr. Creel asks Mr. Early if anything can be done on this. - On June 14, Mr. Early wrote Mr. Creel enclosing a greeting from the President, also dated June 14 directed to Leland W. Cutler, President, Golden Gate International Exposition, San Francisco, Cal., saying, in part, that unity of the Pacific nations is an ideal greatly to be desired and worthy of earnest effort, and touches on the good neighbor policy. Mr. Early asked Mr. Creel to see that this message is delivered to the proper person.

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CREEL, George
New York, N. Y.
July 15, 1937

Wrote Mr. McIntyre re selection of Assistant Commissioner for the Golden Gate International Exposition, of which Commission Mr. Creel is United States Commissioner, and for which post of assistant commissioner, the President and he favor William Jennings Bryan, Jr., of Los Angeles, Calif. Attached is copy of Mr. Creel's letter of July 15 to Mr. Bryan, re this appointment. -- On July 15, Mr. McIntyre wrote Mr. Bryan re mention of his name for appointment as assistant commissioner, and he indicates that by this time he believes Mr. Creel has taken up this subject with Mr. Bryan.

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BRYAN, William Jennings, Jr.,
Los Angeles, Calif.
August 12, 1937

Writes Mr. McIntyre, referring to latter's letter of August 3, and he says he decided not to go to San Francisco to see Mr. George Creel since he intends to visit Los Angeles soon. Says appointment of Vice Commissioner of the Golden Gate International Exposition (1939) has been tendered to him by Mr. Creel and has been accepted by Mr. Bryan.

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CREEL, Hon. GeorgeUnited States Commission for the Golden Gate International Exposition
October 12, 1937

Mr. McIntyre sent him a memo, confirming statement to Mr. Creel by the President today that no Department is to be given any outright grant of funds to do with as it seems fit. Says the United States Commissioner, with the advice and consent of the Commission, will decide the nature of the exhibit, the floor space to be allotted, and the amount of money to be expended. Says the President believes that only in this way can we secure a real Federal exhibit, accenting the functions of government, rather than the purely departmental, and that he (the President) sees no reason why such a plan should not give every Department its proper and adequate representation.

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CREEL, George

March 17, 1937

Writes the President that at the time he wrote the State Chairman in California urging a vigorous campaign he also sent a letter to Claude McColloch, Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee in Oregon. Encloses copy of a letter Mr. McColloch is sending out to voters re the President's program to reform federal courts, urging approval of same. - Copy attached.

SEE - 41 Judiciary Reform "C" (Official File)

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SEE 2446 - for copy of press release, dated October 10, 1937, announcing the appointment of Williams Jennings Bryan, Jr., as Assistant Commissioner of the United States Commission for the Golden Gate Exposition to be held at San Francisco in 1939, indicating that the announcement came from George Creel, Commissioner of the federal agency.

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CREEL, George

Collier's, The National Weekly,
Washington, D. C.,
April 26, 1937.

Writes President that he told the California delegation that the San Francisco Exposition bill should ask only for \$1,750,000 instead of \$3,000,000 and at the same time made it clear that budget requirements would compel a similar reduction in the New York appropriation. Says that today, however, while this bill asks for \$1,750,000 the New York bill for \$5,000,000 has been approved by the House Committee, and the New York people are saying that this amount has been approved by the Acting Director of the Budget. Mr. Creel says as a consequence he is being subjected to a good deal of bitter criticism but even so, unless the situation has changed, he means to stand pat. Mr. Creel adds postscript saying he wants a Commission of four Cabinet members only.--Attached is memo. for Mr. McIntyre from Mr. Kannee, dated April 28th, saying the President said: "Tell Mac to tell George Creel, gently, that I am trying to get all Exposition appropriations severely cut."

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To

CREEL, Hon. George

Golden Gate International Exposition,
San Francisco, California

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Mr. McIntyre sent "Private and Confidential" letter to Mr. Creel, forwarding clippings from San Francisco papers sent in by J. F. T. O'Connor, and said that Mr. O'Connor feels that the information in the clippings is doing him a great deal of harm. The statements in the clippings allege that Creel has given an interview that the President will not take any interest in the Governorship fight in California, and Mr. McIntyre told Mr. Creel, in part, "While it is true that the President cannot ask anybody to get out of the race and isn't taking any part in the primary, Jeffy feels that in fairness to him, the fact that the Boss is friendly to him and has in the past publicly said so, should not be played down." Mr. McIntyre also said, in effect, that Mr. O'Connor feels that he is entitled to have the people know that while the President isn't taking any part and cannot endorse him, nevertheless the President is his friend, and he (Mr. McIntyre) added that he knows Mr. Creel won't do anything that would hurt "Jeffy" and his chances. --- Attached is Miss Barrows' Memorandum for Mr. McIntyre, March 7, 1938 reporting phone message from Mr. O'Connor re above.

SEE 300-California, O. (Official File)

O'CONNOR, J.F.T.,

Wash., D.C.

April 4, 1938.

Encloses to the President a newspaper clipping, containing a remark made by George Creel, criticizing Mr. O'Connor's candidacy in his campaign for Governor of California. Also forwards same clipping to Mr. McIntyre.

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COMMERCE, Secretary of
Nov. 25, 1938.

Sends a memo. to Mr. McIntyre saying he has received word from George Creel to the effect that the Exposition people are busy making arrangements for the opening day on Feb. 18th and Mr. Creel expects that the President will have a representative in San Francisco for the opening ceremonies. States that Mr. Creel expect him, (Mr. Roper) as Chairman of the Commission to be so designated by the President. Says that Mr. Creel would like to know about this as soon as possible so he can get into action as shortly after December 1st as possible.

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CHENERY, William L.

Editor, Collier's National Weekly,

New York, N. Y.,

April 21, 1938.

Writes the President suggesting the advantage which the publication of an article by him in Collier's Weekly would have for the entire country. Thinks that an article in Collier's dealing simply with the fundamentals of the President's program would be sure of thoughtful consideration.-----The President wrote Mr. Chenery, on April 26th, that he had consistently written no articles for magazines on current government questions and that the only exception was the publication in a magazine and in a large number of newspapers of the notes, comments, introductions and press conferences which are about to appear in the five volumes of the Public Papers and Addresses. The President said the reason for such magazine and newspaper publication was that in view of the fact that these comments, etc., were to appear anyway in book form, the books having been called for by librarians, editors and students, a wide distribution to the public could be obtained. The President stated he hoped to publish within the next year some articles, preliminary to a book, relating to events in which he had taken part a long time ago -- World War or previous periods.---Mr. Chenery wrote to the President, under date of April 28th, saying that he was eager to know what the President had in mind in the way of a book next year and hoped that he would keep Collier's in mind. Mr. Chenery said that George Creel had spoken to the President, he thought, concerning some other articles which were to deal with subjects not related to the Presidency. Mr. Chenery said they still had a lively interest in this material.

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MEMORANDUM

May 27, 1938.

Memo from Miss Barrows to Mr. George Greel, forwarding to him our file on Mr. Paul Getty, in accordance with his telephone conversation.

4/8/37. Copy of letter to Mrs. June Hamilton Rhodes, New York City.

5/21/38. Letter to James Roosevelt from William Gaston, New York City

See 59-Some Position Diplomatic for complete list of file.

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CUTLER, Leland W.
President, Golden Gate International Exposition,
San Francisco, California
6-3-38

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Wired to the President stating that George Creel today purchased number one sponsors season pass to the Golden Gate International Exposition for the President's use in 1939. Said that the pass will be presented to the President when he visits San Francisco and Exposition Island in the near future (Western Trip).

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CREEL, Hon. George

United States Golden Gate International Exposition Commissioner, The
San Francisco, Calif.

October 18, 1938

Wrote Mr. McIntyre that the eleven western states governors are going to issue a proclamation in November, naming 1939 as "Fiesta Year in the West", and he suggests that the President issue a proclamation to the whole world, naming 1939 as Exposition Travel Year, in connection with the New York and San Francisco Expositions. -- The President, by memo of Oct. 25th, suggested that Mr. McIntyre take this matter up with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the Interior, so on October 26th Mr. McIntyre, by similar memos, referred a copy of Commissioner Creel's letter to Secretary Cordell Hull and to Secretary Harold Ickes, for their advice about a proclamation covering both Fairs.

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CREEEL, Hon. George

Commissioner, United States Golden Gate International Exposition Commission
June 1, 1938

Wrote Mr. McIntyre, requesting that Senator William Gibbs McAdoo be given an appointment with the President, so that the press can be informed that the Administration backs the bills before Congress for creation of a United States Travel Board in the Department of the Interior. Says the President indorsed this idea in letter to Secretary Harold L. Ickes. Also wants to give to the press something about the prospect of the President's visit to California this summer.

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MACHWINE, W. Bruce - Special Ass't., Sec. of the Interior,
Nov. 8, 1938

Writes to Mr. Early that Sec. Ickes has already discussed with the President the possibility of the President proclaiming 1939 Travel in American Year. Business interests, including the New York and San Francisco Expositions, and the American Hotel Association have advocated such a proclamation. Says many groups would like to be supplied with the text of the proclamation at this time. Attaches sample of how a previous proclamation was utilized. -- On Nov. 9, George Creel, San Francisco, Cal., wrote to Mr. McIntyre along similar lines and asks if the President could open their exposition on Feb. 16 with a brief radio talk. -- On Nov. 9, Sec. Hull wrote to Mr. McIntyre re Mr. Creel's inquiry re possibilities of the issuance of a Presidential proclamation designating 1939 as "Exposition Travel Year". Sees no objection to the President, having invited foreign governments to participate in the Expositions, now making a statement expressing hope that the citizens will attend. -- On Nov. 14, Mr. Early sent a memo to the Sec. of State bringing Mr. Macniece's letter of Nov. 8 to his attention, saying it is the President's personal thought that nothing should be done in this connection until the first week in January, since the San Francisco Fair does not open until Feb. -- An office memo of Nov. 14 for Mr. McIntyre mentions the term "Travel Week". -- Mr. Hunslett on Nov. 16 referred two letters from Mr. Creel re the Expositions proclamation to Geo. S. Messersmith, of State Dept., who replied Nov. 19 that the proclamation could not be drafted until next week. -- Several office memos and wires attached indicate that the proclamation was signed on Nov. 29 and sent to State Dept. on Nov. 30. - An office memo indicates that in the proclamation the President also desires to have the Interior Dept's travel bureau program tied in; that the thing should be done to encourage travel between the Americas and other countries on the basis of good neighbor policies. -- On Nov. 30, Miss Shannon sent copies of the World Fairs Proclamation to Robert Horton, Maritime Commission; Mr. Hollenoe; Geo. Creel, Commissioner, Golden Gate International Exposition; Hon. Grover Whalen, Pres., New York World's Fair.

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December 27, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

I am sending Dan Roper

out there as my personal representative for the opening day, but under the law I think you succeed him as a member of the Exposition Committee.

F. D. R.

Letter from Hon. Harry L. Hopkins, WPA, 12/21/38 to the President, with enclosed letter he has received from Leland W. Cutler, President, Golden Gate International Exposition, 585 Bush St., San Francisco, Calif. 9/27/38, letter from Third Asst. Postmaster General, 9/9/38 to Mr. Cutler, Copy of memo from Henry Bickhoff, Jr. to George Creel, 9/17/38, copy of memo from Walter Reimers to Paul Sexson, 9/26/38, copy of Proposed Plan for U. S. Army Participation at the Golden Gate International Exposition", and copy of memo from Henry Bickhoff, Jr., to George Creel, 9/19/38 in re Naval and Marine Aviation Participation; Mr. Cutler, in his letter to Mr. Hopkins, enumerates certain governmental activities which the Exposition wants and which will make Treasure Island a spot the world will talk about. Asks that President allow his ship and stamp collection to be at the Exposition. Also refers to statement by the President that Mr. Hopkins might have to make the speech on opening day, 2/18/39.

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CREEEL, George

San Francisco, California.

September 12, 1938

Writes Mr. McIntyre a confidential letter in re the political election in California. Refers to Chairman Altmeyer's letter to Sen. Wm. Gibbs McAdoo which contained an attack on the "ham and eggs" scheme and explains its results.

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CREEL, George

Golden Gate International Exposition

San Francisco, Calif.

March 17, 1939

Wrote General Watson that Count Jean de Beaumont, Member of Parliament and also Commissioner General for French Indo-China will be in Washington March 24th. Says he has asked the French Ambassador to make an appointment for him with the President on that date. Says he is a personal friend of M. Deladier.

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The following information was received from the French Ambassador in Washington, D.C., on March 17, 1939. It was stated that Count Jean de Beaumont, Member of Parliament and Commissioner General for French Indo-China, will be in Washington on March 24th. He has asked the French Ambassador to make an appointment for him with the President on that date. The Ambassador stated that Count de Beaumont is a personal friend of M. Deladier.

See 203-A (Official File)

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CREEL, Hon. George - U.S. Commissioner, Golden Gate International Exposition,
San Francisco, Calif.,
Sept. 11, 1939

Writes to Gen. Watson re continuing their Exposition during 1940. Says if and when the President calls a special session will it be possible for him to include a consideration of federal participation both for New York and San Francisco. Says Grover Whalen refused to join with San Francisco in the "See America" campaign but Harvey Gibson believes in such cooperation. -- Gen. Watson referred this to the President on Sept. 14. -- On Sept. 16, the President replied by memo to Gen. Watson that it was O.K. for 1940 and to tell Mr. Creel that he will recommend the appropriation to keep up the Federal end when Congress meets in January. -- On Sept. 18, Gen. Watson wrote Mr. Creel on this relaying the President's message. -- Mr. Creel wrote again on Oct. 2 asking for the President to send a letter expressing his interest in a second year for the Fair and promising his support for an appropriation. -- In a memo of Oct. 9, the President directed Gen. Watson to write to George Creel and set forth a letter for him to use. Directed also that a similar letter should go to Grover Whalen. -- On Oct. 9, Gen. Watson wrote to Mr. Creel of the President's interest and the Government's willingness to cooperate, saying he can use this letter any way he wishes.

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VMB -

MOORE, Hon. R. Walton - The Counselor of the Dept. of State,
Aug. 3, 1939

Writes to the President enclosing for his information and interest a schedule showing the recent round-trip of the Yankee Clipper, and gives time of flight, etc. Says he expected that George Creel would be here by now. Thinks that facts and arguments re third term question have not been adequately presented and hopes that Creel can carry out plan and prepare a satisfactory article. Discusses last Tuesday's primary election in Virginia, and makes certain comments. -- On Aug. 4, the President replied that that is a grand schedule which he (Moore) participated in. Says he heard that Judge Moore made a tremendous hit during their three days' stay at Shediac, N.B.

SEE - P.P.F. 2605

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STATE, Secretary of
Dec. 29, 1939.

General Watson, at the President's direction, referred to him for attention a telegram from Leland W. Cutler, President, Golden Gate International Exposition, San Francisco, Calif., dated 12/28/39 to General Watson. States it has been definitely determined that Golden Gate International Exposition will continue in 1940 from May 25 to September 29, and that George Creel, U. S. Commissioner to the Exposition, joins him in requesting the President to issue proclamation inviting foreign governments to participate.

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REFERRED TO THE
SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
November 30, 1939

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Gen. Watson referred:-

Letter from Wm. G. McAdoo, Democratic Nat. Committeeman for Calif., 311 California St., 11/24/39.

Senator McAdoo says his friend George Creel left for Washington "today" and will make certain explanations to the President about "the matter I am now bringing to your attention": i.e. Thos Mulcahey, Comptroller of Customs for San Francisco, died a few days ago and after consultation of party leaders the name of Mrs. Alice M. Rosseter is recommended for consideration to fill this appointment. Now with Nat. Labor Relations Board.

See 400-California - Treasury

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ROPER, Hon. Daniel C.
Washington, D. C.
January 23, 1939

The President wrote him, designating him his representative to attend the opening of the United States Golden Gate International Exposition at San Francisco, Calif., his expenses to be paid from funds made available to the Exposition Commission for participation therein by the United States Government. -- Attached are two drafts of the above mentioned letter, both of which were revised. -- Also attached is letter to Mr. McIntyre January 14th from Hon. George Creel, United States Golden Gate Exposition Commission, asking that Mr. and Mrs. Roper's expenses be paid from White House funds because the Commission's funds are running low, and also attached is Mr. Kammer's memo of Jan. 17th, re conversation with Margie Henn, Mr. Roper's secretary, re Mr. Roper's designation. -- Upon January 23rd, Commissioner Creel transmitted to Mr. McIntyre a carbon copy of letter which he just wrote Mr. Roper concerning his designation to represent the President at the Exposition, and indicating that his and Mrs. Roper's traveling expenses will be taken care of by the Commission.

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LYONS, Maurice F.,
Cincinnati, Ohio
June 8, 1940

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Writes to the President suggesting that he appoint Mr. George Creel as Secretary of the Navy.

See 18-A - Creel

NOTE:- Endorsements of Mr. George Creel for appointment as Secretary of the Navy are filed - 18-A - Creel.

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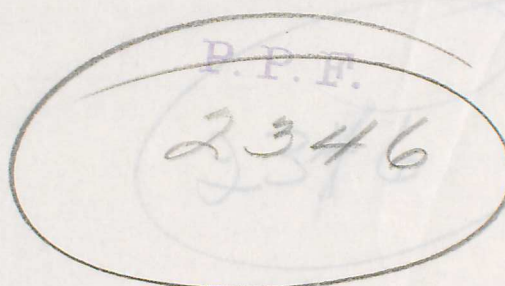
September 18, 1940.

WAR DEPT., The
Sept. 27, 1940

Gen. Watson referred a letter from C.E. McStay, Automobile Club of Southern California, Los Angeles, Calif., to the President Sept. 24 appealing for executive clemency for CMTC cadets for disciplinary action taken by the Army for an offense which he believes is out of all proportion to the offense. 87 cadets left the mess hall without partaking of evening meal. He is particularly interested in Douglas Mitchell, Jr., a nephew of Rowatt Mitchell. -- Ed. J. Flynn, Chm., Dem. Nat. Con., wrote Gen. Watson re this Sept. 23. -- George Greel wrote Gen. Watson Sept. 19 re this case. Also Rowatt W. Mitchell wrote Gen. Watson in nephew's behalf. -- Oct. 2, Leland W. Cutler, Vice-Pres., Fidelity and Deposit Co. of Ed., San Francisco, Cal., wrote Mr. McIntyre re this matter. -- Jan. 17, 1941, the Chief of Staff sent a memo to Col. McIntyre suggesting a reply, and encloses a lengthy memo of Jan. 10 re this matter. -- Jan. 18, Mr. McIntyre wrote Mr. Cutler explaining that this dismissal does not mean an dishonorable discharge and does not preclude young Mitchell from entering military service. Says incident is closed and it does not constitute any serious black mark on the record.

(Official File)

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C O P Y

September 18, 1940.

MEMORANDUM FOR

SECRETARY HULL:

For your information and return
for my files.

F. D. R.

Letter from George Creel to "Dear Mac", 9/11/40
"Personal and Confidential", In re position of
the U.S. in re election of General Almazan to the
presidency in Mexico.

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ALEXANDER, Titus
Los Angeles, Calif.
April 8, 1940

Wrote Mr. McIntyre, renewing his request that he be appointed to the Board of Visitors of the Military Academy. Writer quoted Mr. McIntyre's letter of Apr. 26, 1937 addressed to George Creel re this request. -- Attached is office memo of April 15th, addressed to Gen. Watson, stating that Titus Alexander, colored, is a brother of John H. Alexander, graduate of West Point. -- Another office memo is attached, dated Apr. 22nd, 1940, stating that Gen. Watson suggested that no reply be made to this letter.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EARLY
May 8, 1940

Capt. Callaghan wrote memo to Mr. Early asking to have his reaction to the two matters covered in the "attached papers" with particular reference to the proposal covering participation of Little America in the San Francisco Fair opening ceremonies." Capt. Callaghan states that it is noted that the signal from the Antarctic is to precede the President's signal turning on the Fair's lights. He adds that Lt. Com. (Robert A.J. ?) English is being pressed for some sort of a definite answer to General Electric's proposal.--Attached is an office memo for Mr. Early signed, "PLS." in part as follows:- "The attached memo from Capt. Callaghan enclosing correspondence from the General Electric Co. and from Com. English of the Navy, states, in effect that the President has agreed to open the San Francisco Fair by pressing a telegraph key turning on the lights -- and they ask if there is any objection to having Dr. Siple from the West Base of the Antarctic Service press a key setting off three light bombs at the Fair before the President turns on the light." Miss Shannon adds that she has made a thorough check-up and can find no one with whom arrangements were made for the President to press the key opening the Fair, and that if such were made the President must have handled them direct with Mr. George Creel.--Copy of Mr. Early's Memorandum for Capt. Callaghan, dated 5/10/40, re the above is attached.--NOTE: It is typed on the above-mentioned memo that the file was returned to Capt. Callaghan.

See 65 (for copies of these memoranda)

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CREEL, Hon. George
Commissioner, Golden Gate International Exposition,
San Francisco, Calif.,
Mar. 7, 1940

Wrote Gen. Watson that after visit to Congress, he doubts if new funds will be appropriated for the New York or San Francisco Fairs, and he stresses need for funds immediately. -- By memo Mar. 16th, Gen. Watson referred Mr. Creel's letter to the President and on March 19th, by joint memo, the President wrote the Speaker and Hon. Sam Rayburn that Mr. Creel is pleading for action on the new appropriation for the San Francisco Fair and so is Hon. Edward J. Flynn for the New York Fair. He expressed the hope that both of these will be acted on soon as both Expositions are to reopen shortly.

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CREEL, Hon. George - U.S. Commissioner, Golden Gate International Exposition,
San Francisco, Cal.,
May 2, 1940

Writes to Gen. Watson re fair opening May 25, asking him to arrange for President to broadcast for 2 minutes. Also asks that pressure be put on House leaders to push through their San Francisco bill. -- Major O.J. Keatinge, Dir. of Special Events Dept., San Francisco, wrote Mr. Creel (original letter in file) re President's approval to have the Byrd Expedition Committee signal by shortwave from Little American in connection with Fair opening. -- The President in memo May 8 to Gen. Watson says he'll be on the river that week-end and will not be able to broadcast, but will send message for them to read. -- Mr. Hassett sent memo to Hon. A.A. Berle, State, May 11 asking for draft. -- Marshall Dill, Pres., Golden Gate International Exposition, writes to the President May 14 urging President to open the Fair with a broadcast. -- Mr. Early wrote Mr. Dill May 17 explaining the reasons that preclude the President from speaking over the radio or pressing a button to illuminate the main exhibit palaces, but says the President will send a greeting. -- May 17, Mr. Early wired Major Keatinge that they have explained to Mr. Creel that the President will send a letter and that it is all right for him (Keatinge) to deal with Byrd Expedition direct. -- Draft submitted. -- May 18, the President sent Mr. Creel appropriate message wishing them success.

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Honorable George Creel,
United States Commissioner,
Golden Gate International Exposition,
Treasure Island,
San Francisco, California.

Letter is filed P.P.F. 47142

June 8, 1940

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Dear George:

I have forwarded to Madam Renee Van
Zeeland a signed picture of the President in
response to your letter of May thirtieth.

Hurriedly,

EDWIN M. WATSON
Secretary to the President

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Honorable George Creel,
United States Commissioner,
Golden Gate International Exposition,
Treasure Island,
San Francisco, California.

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June 8, 1940

Dear Madam Van Zeeland:

At the request of Honorable George
Creel, I am transmitting herewith a picture
of the President which he was very happy to
sign.

Very sincerely yours,

EDWIN M. WATSON
Secretary to the President

Madam Renee Van Zeeland,
31 Hodge Road,
Princeton,
New Jersey.

Enclosure.

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CREEL, Hon. George,
Commissioner, (U. S. Commissioner)
Golden Gate International Exposition,
San Francisco, Calif.

June 13, 1940

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Writes to Gen. Watson, enclosing a statement made by Mr. John Anson Ford in re the Political situation in California, in which Mr. Ford expresses his confidence in the New Deal, and his disapproval of the attitude of former Senator Hiram Johnson. Mr. Creel states that the Roosevelt organization in California is putting itself solidly behind the candidacy of Mr. Ford for the U. S. Senate. Mr. Creel further states that Mr. Ford "is a man of ability and high character, and best of all, stands squarely behind the President's foreign policy and every New Deal objective."--Mr. Creel also encloses copy of letter which he has, on above date written to Mr. Maurice F. Lyons, Cincinnati, Ohio, thanking the latter for writing the President in his behalf for appointment as Secretary of the Navy. Mr. Creel states that while appreciating Mr. Lyons' efforts in his behalf, his only wish is to get back to his writing, etc. In accordance with the President's request, Gen. Watson wrote to Mr. Creel on June 25th, expressing the President's appreciation for his letter and information on the candidacy of John Anson Ford.

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George Creel

Golden Gate International Exposition

San Francisco, California.

August 1, 1940

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Writes General Watson that he plans to be in Washington from August 12th to 16th and requests an engagement with the President for some day between these dates. Want to discuss two important matters - one has to do with Mexico and the other concerns the future of Treasury Island. At a meeting of executive committee yesterday writer was empowered to offer the Island and its buildings to the Navy or Army or to the Maritime Commission.

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CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM TO HONORABLE SUMNER WELLES
February 17, 1941

Mr. Early wrote re the newspapers in Mexico which have printed extracts from the "Report to the Public" by General Juan Andreu Almazan. Attaches copy of these published extracts, calling attention to reported activities of Mr. George Creel and others; also to the translator, referred to in extracts, and his reported use of the American Embassy in Mexico City. -- Attached is President's confidential memo of Feb. 14, 1941, to Mr. Early re this.

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SMITH, Paul C., Editor & Gen Mgr.
San Francisco, Calif.
2-3-41
San Francisco, Calif.

Sent a wire to the President saying that the Republican Chronicle now
ardently supporting him (with modifications) hopes he will appoint
George Creel to fill the vacancy left by the passing of Senator McAdoo.

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O'CONNOR, HON. J. F. T.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT,
Los Angeles, Calif.
Nov. 6, 1941

Letter to Mr. McIntyre. Also expresses disapproval at the criticisms aimed at the President by George Creel.

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ARTHUR, Chester A.
Democratic State Central Committee
Los Angeles, California
January 3, 1941

Wrote to the President stating that he and his friend, Tracy Caffey, believe that in order to further the Good Neighbor Policy, exhibitions still available in New York and San Francisco be used to form basis of Pan American Exhibition in Mexico City in 1942. Would popularize in U.S. handicrafts of Latin American nations as well as popularize going to Mexico instead of Europe on vacations. Thinks George Greel would make good head for American section. (Brief of this letter attached to file). -- The President replied on Jan. 28, 1941, advising Mr. Arthur to consult Ambassador Daniels in Mexico City. Also suggests that when the plans have begun to take shape, Mr. Arthur might like to consult Mr. Nelson Rockefeller, Coordinator of Economic and Cultural Relations between the American Republics. -- (The President's letter is as per draft supplied by Mr. Rockefeller, Jan. 24, 1941, in response to President's request of Jan. 9, 1941.) -- Correspondence referred to Mr. Rockefeller by Gen. Watson, Jan. 28, 1941.

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CREEL, George,
Comissioner, Golden Gate International Exposition,
San Francisco, Calif.
November 7, 1940

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Writes to Col. McIntyre giving him figures on the vote in California showing how Hiram Johnson came out; states the results "simply show that the votes were cast by people who had no other idea than to repudiate Johnson." - Presidential memo to Col. McIntyre, 11/9/40, attached, as follows: "To thank for."

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CREEL, Hon. George
Commissioner
United States Golden Gate
International Exposition Commission
San Francisco, California
March 27, 1941

Wrote to the President reporting that the Commission ends its life with an unexpended cash balance around \$70,000. Says instead of shipping Commission-owned property back to Washington for storage, he made distribution of this property to government agencies in California, transferring the building itself to the Navy. Attaches report done by the NYA. -- The President replied on April 2, 1941, extending congratulations.

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CREEL, George
San Francisco, Calif.
4/8/41.

Wrote to Mr. Early Re the Chinese Consul General coming to him with news that General Electric has given the Chinese Consul General an hour each night for broadcast over short wave to China and other countries in the Orient, to be called the Chinese Good Neighbour Hour; program will be given both in Chinese and English. Says Madam Chiang Kai-shek is handling arrangements in China. Asking for a message from the President for the initial broadcast, midnight, April 19th. States if such message is agreed to, should be addressed to Consul General C. T. Feng.

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DAVIS, William H.,
Chairman, Nat. Defense Mediation Board,
Washington, D. C.
December 30, 1941

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On above date Col. McIntyre wrote to Mr. Davis enclosing a telegram to Gen. Watson, 12/23/41 from Huston Thompson in which Mr. Thompson refers to press announcement of the proposal to create another War Labor Board, and expresses his desire to be appointed Chairman of this Board. Col. McIntyre states in his letter to Mr. Davis that George Creel of San Francisco has written suggesting that he.-~~Creel~~ might be of real service on the War Labor Board, and Mr. Creel further thinks that both Lewis and Green feel "very kindly toward him."

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MORROW, Charles J.
Tampa, Florida
October 18, 1942. Ackd. 10/29/42.

Letter to Miss Tully, enclosing article entitled "Roosevelt As I See Him" written by Mr. George Creel for the October 24th issue of Liberty magazine. Writer agrees with Mr. Creel's opinions. Presidential notation: "Steve - T:ack. F.D.R."

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SEE: PPF 1-A

CHEEL, Hon. George,
Washington, D.C.,
November 29, 1943 - (ack. 11/30/43).

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Let. to Mr. William Hassett, requesting statements made by the President on war criminals, prior to the Moscow conference, as writer is starting a book on above subject.-----Releases numbers, 2105; 2367; 2398; 2404; 2537; 2584; 2628; 2668; 2671, encl. in ack. of above date.

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