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DYKSTRA, DR. CLARENCE

TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

Dr. Clarence Dykstra #x3689
President University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wis.

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Perfectly delighted to hear that your board has consented to your coming to Washington. Will send your name to the Senate first day it meets, probably next Monday. Best wishes.

Franklin D. Roosevelt.

FROM The White House
Washington

October 12--1940.

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(via Selective Service System)

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FORM No. 14A
BY THE PRESIDENT
MARCH 10, 1926

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FROM

The White House
Washington

October 12- 1940.

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The White House
Washington D.C.

For the Secretary of War, the President tonight telegraphed Dr. Dykstra as follows quote Perfectly delighted to hear that your board has consented to your coming to Washington. Will send your name to the Senate first day it meets, probably next Monday. Best wishes. Franklin D. Roosevelt. unquote.

Stephen T. Early.

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October 12- 1940.

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Please prepare necessary nomination papers.
President wants them sent to Senate on Monday or
first day Senate is in session.

S.T.E.

Henry L. Stimson,
Secretary of War

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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For the President:

I have just received a telegram from Dr. Dykstra telling us that his Board has consented to his coming to Washington and therefore he is ready to have his name sent in for appointment.

Henry L. Stimson,
Secretary of War

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DYKSTRA, Hon. C. A.
DIRECTOR, SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM
Washington, D. C.
3-19-41

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Sent the President a wire on Mar. 19 asking to be released from the directorship of Selective Service as of April 1. -- The President replied Mar. 22 that in view of the new duties to which Mr. Dykstra has been called, he had no recourse but to accept his resignation as Director of the Selective Service System as of April 1, 1941. The President expressed appreciation of the splendid work he has done and said that in naming him Chairman of the National Defense Mediation Board he has every confidence that Mr. Dykstra's resources of tact, discretion and judgment will be of inestimable value in the very important work that lies ahead.

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The President today issued the following Executive Order:

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

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ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE MEDIATION BOARD

WHEREAS it is essential in the present emergency that employers and employees engaged in production or transportation of materials necessary to national defense shall exert every possible effort to assure that all work necessary for national defense shall proceed without interruption and with all possible speed:

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the statutes, and in order to define further certain functions and duties of the Office for Emergency Management of the Executive Office of the President with respect to the national emergency as declared by the President to exist on September 8, 1939, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. (a) There is hereby created in the Office for Emergency Management, a board to be known as the National Defense Mediation Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board). The Board shall be composed of eleven members to be appointed by the President, of whom three shall be disinterested persons representing the public, four shall be representatives of employees and four shall be representatives of employers. The President shall designate as chairman of the Board one of the members representing the public.

(b) Each member of the Board shall receive necessary traveling expenses, and each member who, during the period of his service on said Board, is not an officer or employee of the United States shall receive in addition thereto \$25.00 per diem for subsistence expense on such days as he is performing Board duties. Within the limits of such funds as may be appropriated by Congress or allocated to it by the President, through the Bureau of the Budget, the Office of Production Management shall furnish the Board with necessary experts, assistants, officers, and employees, and make provision for the necessary supplies, facilities, and services.

2. Whenever the Secretary of Labor certifies to the Board that any controversy or dispute has arisen between any employer (or group of employers) and any employees (or organization of employees) which threatens to burden or obstruct the production or transportation of equipment or materials essential to national defense (excluding any dispute coming within the purview of the Railway Labor Act as amended) and which cannot be adjusted by the commissioners of conciliation of the Department of Labor, the Board is hereby authorized--

(a) To make every reasonable effort to adjust and settle any such controversy or dispute by assisting the parties thereto to negotiate agreements for that purpose;

(b) To afford means for voluntary arbitration with an agreement by the parties thereto to abide by the decision arrived at upon such arbitration, and, when requested by both parties, to designate a person or persons to act as impartial arbitrator or arbitrators of such controversy or dispute;

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(c) To assist in establishing, when desired by the parties, methods for resolving future controversies or disputes between the parties; and to deal with matters of interest to both parties which may thereafter arise;

(d) To investigate issues between employers and employees, and practices and activities thereof, with respect to such controversy or dispute; conduct hearings, take testimony, make findings of fact, and formulate recommendations for the settlement of any such controversy or dispute; and make public such findings and recommendations whenever in the judgment of the Board the interests of industrial peace so require;

(e) To request the National Labor Relations Board, in any controversy or dispute relating to the appropriate unit or appropriate representatives to be designated for purposes of collective bargaining, to expedite as much as possible the determination of the appropriate unit or appropriate representatives of the workers.

3. Whenever a controversy or dispute is certified to the Board, in accordance with section 2, the Chairman, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Board, shall designate as a division of the Board such members as he deems necessary to take action with respect to such controversy or dispute, and to perform in connection therewith any of the duties enumerated in section 2; provided (a) that no less than three members shall be assigned to any such division, and (b) that each of the three groups represented on the Board shall be represented on any such division.

4. Whenever a controversy or dispute which has not been certified to it in accordance with section 2 is brought to the attention of the Board, it shall refer the matter to the Department of Labor.

It is hereby declared to be the duty of employers and employees engaged in production or transportation of materials essential to national defense to exert every possible effort to settle all their disputes without any interruption in production or transportation. In the interest of national defense the parties should give to the Conciliation Service of the Department of Labor and to the Office of Production Management (a) notice in writing of any desired change in existing agreements, wages, or working conditions; (b) full information as to all developments in labor disputes; and (c) such sufficient advance notice of any threatened interruptions to continuous production as will permit exploration of all avenues of possible settlement of such controversies so as to avoid strikes, stoppages, or lockouts.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

THE WHITE HOUSE,

March 19, 1941.

The President has appointed the following members of the

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National Defense Mediation Board created by the above order:

REPRESENTING THE PUBLIC:

Clarence A. Dykstra of Wisconsin, President of
the University of Wisconsin

William Hammatt Davis of New York, Patent
Attorney

Frank P. Graham of North Carolina, President of
the University of North Carolina

REPRESENTING EMPLOYEES:

George Meany of New York, General Secretary of
the American Federation of Labor

George M. Harrison of Ohio, Grand President of
the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship
Clerks

Philip Murray of Pennsylvania, Chairman, Steel
Workers' Organizing Committee

Thomas Kennedy of Pennsylvania, Secretary-Treasurer
United Mine Workers of America

REPRESENTING EMPLOYERS:

Walter C. Teagle of Connecticut, former President
Standard Oil Company of New Jersey

Roger D. Lapham of California, President of the
American Hawaiian Steamship Company

Eugene Meyer of the District of Columbia, Pub-
lisher of the Washington Post

Cyrus Ching of Pennsylvania, Vice-President of
the United States Rubber Corporation

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DYKSTRA, Hon. Clarence A.
Chairman
National Defense Mediation Board
June 19, 1941

Wrote to the President setting July 1, 1941, as the date for his retirement as Chairman of the National Defense Mediation Board, in accordance with previous understanding between Mr. Dykstra and the President. Calls to President's attention that he is still serving on the Joint Army and Navy Advisory Board. -- The President replied on June 19, 1941, acknowledging receipt of the above letter. -- Attached is note to Mr. Hassett, June 19, 1941, re reply. -- Also attached is note to the President from Frances Perkins re this. -- Mr. Early sent a telegram to Mr. Dykstra on June 16, 1941, re this. -- Also attached is President's letter to Mr. Dykstra, in which he asked Mr. Dykstra to set the date on which he wished to retire as Chairman of the National Defense Mediation Board. Says that Secretary of Labor Perkins has told him that Mr. Dykstra feels that the pressure of business in the University of Wisconsin is so great that it is important that he return there as soon as possible. Expresses gratitude for Mr. Dykstra's contribution in undertaking the organization of the Selective Service System. -- Correspondence referred for the files of the National Defense Mediation Board by Gen. Watson, June 20, 1941.

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The President has accepted the resignation of Clarence A. Dykstra, Chairman, National Defense Mediation Board.

In accepting Dr. Dykstra's resignation the President wrote him as follows:

"My dear Mr. Dykstra:

"Since our conversation in which you asked to be relieved of your duties in Washington, Secretary Perkins has told me that you feel very strongly that the pressure of business in the University of Wisconsin is so great that it is important that you return to your post there as soon as possible.

"While I am very sorry in view of the fine accomplishments of the National Defense Mediation Board to see you leave, I do recall that when I persuaded you to take over the administration of the Selective Service Act that I said I would not insist on your remaining in Washington throughout all the emergency period.

"I am also grateful to you for the great contribution you have made in undertaking the organization of the Selective Service System and the Mediation Board, and I wish to feel that the Federal Government may again avail itself of your splendid administrative ability when future problems of this character arise.

"Would you be good enough to let me know definitely the date on which you wish to be relieved of your duties as Chairman of the Mediation Board so that arrangements may be made for carrying on the work of that agency without interruption.

"With all good wishes,

"Sincerely yours,

"FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT"

The text of Dr. Dykstra's reply to the President reads as follows:

"Dear Mr. President:

"I thank you for your recollection of our understanding last October that I was to be relieved of Federal responsibility by June of 1941 in order to take care of my regular assignment at the University of Wisconsin more constantly. My experience of the last three months persuades me that the chairmanship of the Mediation Board is more than a half time responsibility. You will recall also that I am still serving on the Joint Army and Navy Advisory Board. Will you therefore allow me to retire as Chairman as of July 1 and appoint someone to that place who can give it full attention. I shall be willing to remain on call for panel service from time to time if you care to have me and, of course, continue with the Army and Navy Committee.

"It has been a privilege to serve as Director of Selective Service and as Chairman of the National Defense Mediation Board and I am grateful for the confidence our government has placed in me.

"Yours very sincerely,

"C. A. DYKSTRA"

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To
DYKSTRA, Hon. Clarence A.
President, University of Wisconsin,
Madison, Wisconsin
7-16-41

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The President wrote to Mr. Dykstra saying it has been a satisfaction to him to know that Mr. Dykstra is willing to give some small part of his time in the future to the work of the National Defense Mediation Board, and that he is writing this letter to Mr. Dykstra to say that he hopes he will allow them to regard him as an alternate and that Mr. Dykstra will sit as an alternate to the public members. --- Attached is memo for Mr. Forster from the Sec. of Labor, July 16, 1941 forwarding above letter for President's signature.

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DYKSTRA, C. A.
President,
The University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin
April 10, 1942

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Wrote to General Watson stating University of Wisconsin wants to confer honorary degree on General MacArthur at next Commencement. They wish to broadcast a message from General MacArthur if possible. Wants to solicit the interest of the President in such a program. Enclosed copy of a letter he wrote to the Secretary of War re this. General Watson replied 4/22, stating inquiry at War Dept. indicates that Dr. Dykstra's ltr. of 4/10 to Secy. of War is receiving careful consideration, and is sure that the Secy. of War will give all assistance that is possible consistent with many demands being made on the military establishment. General Watson expressed assurance of personal interest in the ceremony. General Watson's letter as per draft supplied by Colonel Taylor, in response to General Watson's request, 4/13/42.

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