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LASSER, DAVID

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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February 9, 1934

Respectfully referred to the Civil Works Administrator for consideration and acknowledgment.

LOUIS McH. HOWE
Secretary to the President

Field Farmers Union, Kloten, N. D., re urging continuance CWA
Leo P. Burke, Pres. Common Laborers Union, Burlington, Ia.,
protesting maladministration of CWA in Des Moines Co., Ia.
J. W. McLaughlin, Austin, Tex., re continuance CWA work
Nathan Pine, 3106 Congress St., Chicago, Ill., re continuance
of only war veterans on CWA projects after Feb. 15th.
February 14, 1934.

John J. Myrtue, Mayor, Council Bluffs, Iowa., re continuance
CWA works
CWA workers project, Cleveland, Ohio, re discrimination against
foreign born on CWA works
B. K. Gross, Miles Center, Ill., re curtailing project
Gang #47, Harvey, Ill., Union trying to force workers on CWA
project 10 56 to join at forty dollars apiece is this
compulsory.

February 16, 1934

David Lasser, Chairman Joint Demonstration Committee, 22 East 22nd
St., New York, N. Y. re protesting CWA wage cuts and layoffs
Dr. James Kay Sutherland, President, True Democracy club of Genesee
County, re appointment of 5 Flint physicians to treat CWA
workers
George A. Kelly, Secy, 1353 Third St., Madison, Ills., protesting
amendment to CWA and Relief bill allowing State officials
to handle Federal funds
Citizens of Salt Lake City, Utah, protesting discontinuance of
CWA projects.

February 20, 1934

Julius F. Castelan, et al, Los Angeles, Calif. Need work with ~~ENS~~ CWA
Nat. Order CWA Workers of Duluth, Duluth, Minn. Resolution on 3 subjects.
C.W.S. Workers, Bloomington, Ill. Ask investigation pay suspension.
Jackson Lee Daniel, Los Angeles, Cal. Asks further certificate loan.

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LASSER, David,
22 East 22nd Street,
New York City

February 16, 1934.

Telegram describing unemployed demonstration urging continuance of CWA and expansion of wages

Federal Civil Works Administration,

Answered by dictation (VL) Feb. 28, 1934.

Referred to State Fed. Civil Works Administration
New York City

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DUVAL, Jean
499 West 129th St.
New York, N.Y.
Telegram March 23, 1934.

Asks the President to grant an interview to Mr. David Lasser and acting committee for delegates arriving in Washington Sat. March 24, Said delegates represent C.W.A. workers.

Mr. Hopkins

LASSER CHAIRMAN 709 G ST NW.

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MINUTES IN TRANSIT
JLL-RATE DAY LETTER

FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT=

WHITE HOUSE WASHDC=

ONE THOUSAND DELEGATES OF UNEMPLOYED AND CWA WORKERS
ASSEMBLED HERE TODAY ARE TERRIBLY DISAPPOINTED AT YOUR
REFUSAL TO SEE THEIR COMMITTEE MEETING IN SESSION WE URGE
THAT YOU SEE US WE WILL REMAIN OVER SUNDAY IF NECESSARY=
LASSER CHAIRMAN 709 G ST NW.

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MINUTES IN TRANSIT	
FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT=

WHITE HOUSE WASHDC=

THE THOUSAND DELEGATES OF CWA WORKERS AND UNEMPLOYED FROM
MANY CITIES WHO VISITED WASHINGTON SATURDAY WERE DEEPLY
DISAPPOINTED THAT YOU COULD NOT SEE THEIR COMMITTEE THAT
VISITED WHITE HOUSE HARRY HOPKINS WISHED YOU TO SEE US WE
URGE THAT YOU SEE COMMITTEE FOR EVEN BRIEF PERIOD BEFORE YOU
LEAVE WASHINGTON CWA SHOULD NOT END BEFORE WE CAN PUT
DESPERATE SITUATION TO YOU PERSONALLY CAN COME TO WASHINGTON
IMMEDIATELY COULD WE HAVE ANSWER WIRE VIA WESTERNUNION=

DAVID LASSER CHAIRMAN JOINT COMMITTEE 22 EAST
22 ST NEWYORK.

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July 7, 1939.

Respectfully referred by memo for consideration and acknowledgment.

M.H. McINTYRE
Secretary to the President

LASSER, David

Sec., Nat'l Action Committee for Nov. 24th Demonstration,
New York, N. Y.
11-8-34.

As representatives of the organizations of the Nat'l Action Committee, with unemployed groups extending through 22 states, requests an appointment with the President to lay before him personally the program of the unemployed, together with a statement of their desires and needs. The dates suggested are Monday, November 26th or Tuesday, November 27th.

Another letter from Mr. Lasser, Nov. 14, in reply to Mr. McIntyre's of the 12th, stating that, as per Mr. McIntyre's suggestion, they have asked Miss Perkins to see them on Nov. 26th or 27th, but that they still wish to present the program and point of view of the unemployed to the President.

SEE NATIONAL ACTION COMMITTEE FOR NOVEMBER 24th Demonstration.

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M.H. McINTYRE
Secretary to the President

November 26, 1934

Respectfully referred to the Federal Emergency Relief Administration for immediate consideration and acknowledgment.

LOUIS M CH. HOWE
Secretary to the President

Telegrams, Nov. 24 re unemployment demonstration.

Forsythe County Unemployed League, Walter Thomas, Winston Salem, N. C.
David Lasser, Edward Welsh, Saul Parker, New York, N. Y.
Unemployed Citizens League, Easton, Pa., Harvey P. Young, Secy., 137 S.12th St
FERA Workers Union, Butte, Mont.
Ohio Unemployed League of Ross County, Henry Witter, Pres., Chillicothe, O.
Oliver Von Clausburg, Director, Ross County Relief Administration, do.
Ohio Unemployed League of Franklin County, E.G. Schmidt, Pr s., Columbus, O.
San Angelo Workers Unity League, J.E. Howerton, Secy, AMM. Smith, Chairman,
San Angelo, Tex.
Executive Secy Charles F. Morrissey, 119 21st St., Camden, N.J., Associated
Industrial Workers of Camden.

Telegrams re relief methods, etc.
Arthur Williams, Local 15, H.H. Nichols, Local 17, Jack Harris, Local 14,
Murphysboro, Ill., Nov. 24,
Henry Melton, Monroe, La., Nov. 25.
Letters asking for relief or complaining of relief methods.
John Cutty, 2147A Geyer Ave., St. Louis, Mo., 11/21
Mrs. Linnie Baird, Mooreland, Okla., 11/21
~~Wm. Bass~~ Wm. Bass, Robbins, Tenn., 11/21
Mrs. Musette H. Adams, 1916 Price St., Savannah, Ga., 11/20
Fred Schlomer, Route 5, Vincennes, Ind., 11/22
Mrs. Morris L. Feinman, 7228 Monument Ave., Phila., Pa., 11/22
Mrs. L. E. Humphries, Douglasville, Ga., 11/21
Mrs. Jesse Paggett, Route 2, Anna, Ill., 11/22
Patrick Adams, 1505 National St., Tarrant, Ala., 11/19
Mrs. Herbert Seeley, Vanderbilt, Mich., 11/19
Adolph Olesen, Route 3, Luck, Wis., 11/21
Mrs. Jack Knight, Ashurst, Ariz., Nov. 20
David Gidwell, Live Oak, Fla., 11/21
H.W. & Oley McKelvy, 1212 Garfield Ave., Takoma, Wash.
Henry M. Watts, Morristown, Tenn., Route 4, 11/20
Lawrence McArdle, 5533 Lowe Ave., Chicago, Ill., 11/19
Mrs. Mattie Smith, Haworth, Okla., 11/20
N. S. DeTams, 781-81st Place S., Birmingham, Ala., 11/20
Mrs. Walter Smith, Horsett, Ky., 11/20
Mrs. Walter Westbrook, 403 Pittsburgh Ave., Sheffield, Ala., 11/17
Mrs. Amos Stokes, High Falls, N. Y., 11/23
Arthur Bordelon, 702 St. Anna St., Alexandria, La., 11/21.

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M.H. McINTYRE
Secretary to the President

LASSER, DAVID

Workers Unemployed Union of Greater New York.

New York, N.Y.

Jan. 15, 1935.

On March 2-3-4 in Wash. a national convention of unemployed will be held . A program will be adopted for presentation to the national administration. Desire to present this program to the President in person and ask for an appointment for March 4th if it can be arranged.

See Workers Unemployed Union

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M.H. McINTYRE
Secretary to the President

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October 21, 1936

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MEMORANDUM FOR HONORABLE HARRY HOPKINS:

I would appreciate it if you
would see that the attached telegram and
letter are acknowledged by your office.

Thank you.

M. H. McINTYRE
Assistant Secretary
to the President

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10/15/36. David Lasser, President, Workers Alliance of
America, Room 510 Burchell Building, 817 14th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Requesting appointment with President on Oct. 24 for
responsible officers from their national delegation of 500
leaders of their movement meeting in Washington on that date
that he may know their story of the condition of the unem-
ployed and WPA workers.

10/20/36. Telegram from David Lasser, Nat'l Pres., Workers
Alliance of America, Washington, D. C.

Re same.

See 2366

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M.H. McINTYRE
Secretary to the President

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MEMORANDUM - October 30, 1936

October 27, 1936.

Respectfully referred to the Works
Progress Administrator.

M. H. McINTYRE
Assistant Secretary to the
President

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WPA - Telegrams protesting arrest of DAVID LASSER & HERBERT BENJAMIN
of Workers Alliance of America and protesting action by Capitol
Police, from:
Alameda Co. Council, Workers Alliance, Oakland, Calif., 10/26.
John Justin, John Morrissey, United Workers Prot. League, 224
Chestnut St., Harrisburg, Pa., 10/26.
Geo. Aronov, Workers Alliance, 1440 E. NY Ave., Brooklyn, 10/26.
D. L. Moore, Dist. Fed. No. 7, WAA, Richmond, Calif., 10/26.
Womens Div., of Workers Proj. 7003, NYC, 10/26.

Telegrams protesting refusal to receive WPA workers representatives
from:
Jack Rosen, NYC, 10/26.
Museum of Natl. History Council, City Projects, NYC, 10/26.

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M.H. McINTYRE
Secretary to the President

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MEMORANDUM - October 30, 1936

Protests against the arrest of David Lasser and Herbert Benjamin, members of the Workers Alliance of America are being referred to the Works Progress Administration, and cards are filed - 2366.

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M.H. McINTYRE
Secretary to the President

Oregon - State of
Lasser, David

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Resolution condemning certain statements made
by Governor Charles H. Martin and copy of Reso-
lution protesting attempts of Congress to destroy
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M.H. McINTYRE
Secretary to the President

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June 23, 1937

Respectfully referred to the Works

Progress Administrator.

M. H. McINTYRE
Assistant Secretary
to the President

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Wires to President from:

Workers Alliance of America, 3rd Annual Convention, David Lasser,
National President, Plankinton Hall, Milwaukee, Wisc. 6/22.

Asks President to exercise his executive power to revoke order laying
off 427,000 WPA workers by July 15. Layoff will cause immeasurable
hardship to 2½ million men women and children involved.

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M.H. McINTYRE
Secretary to the President.

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Respectfully referred to Public Works Admin.

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Protesting Administrative Order 197.

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New York Merchants' Assn. By Comstock Louis K. (Pres. N.Y.C. 8/23/37
NASHVILLE, Tenn. Engineering Assn. by E. M. Turner 6/5/37
LASSER, David State of Oregon condemning certain statements made by
GOVERNOR CHARLES H. MARTIN and copy of resolution protesting attempts of
Congres to destroy P.W.A.
INTERNATIONAL ASSN. of Bridge, Structural & Ornamental Iron Workers, Local
490 by M. Tabor Kalamazoo, Mich.
INTERNATIONAL HOD CARRIERS, Buildings and Common Laborers' Union of America
by Roy Kennedy Local 149 Aurora, Ill.
Miami Fla CENTRAL LABOR UNION, by Clarence Miller Miami, Fla. 6/4/37
CENTRAL LABOR UNION, Scranton Pa. by Fred Heber 6/9/37
International Ass'n of Marble, Stone and Slate Polishers, Rubbers and
Sawyers, Tile and Marble, Setters Helpers and Terrazzo Workers Helpers,
by J.M. FORTE, (Sec. Treas. Rosk Island, Ill 7/10/37
INTERNATIONAL HOD CARRIERS' BUILDING and Common Laborers Union of America
Ed. Smith (Sec.) Memphis Tenn 5/31/37
INTERNATIONAL HOD Carriers Bldg. and Comm Laborers Union Local 741
by Charles F. KERR Bloomington, Ind 5/24/37
INTERNATIONAL ASS'N. of Bridge Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers,
Local 158 by Francis J. Hogan (Sec.) Binghamton, N.Y. 5/21/37
INTERNATIONAL ASS'N, of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers,
Local #66 Fishback, Fred. (Se. St Louis, Mo. 5/21/37
INTERNATIONAL ASS'N OF BRIDGE STRUCTURAL AND ORNAMENTAL IRON WORKERS by
H.A. Noreen (Sec. and Treas. St. Louis, Mo. 5/21/37
CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL by H.G. Walter (Sec.) Everett, Wash. 5/27/37
United Slate, Tile and Composition Roofers Damp & Waterproof Workers, Ass'n
by Steve May (Sec. San Diego, Calif 5/24/37
INTERNATIONAL ASS'N OF BRIDGE STRUCTURAL AND ORNAMENTAL IRON WORKERS by
Henry D. Bazzell (Sec. St. Louis, Mo/ 5/21/37
Bremerton Wash Building Trade Council by F. H. Parks, Bremerton, Wash. 5/5/37

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Respectfully referred to the Works Progress Administration
for consideration and acknowledgment by memorandum.

M. H. McINTYRE
Secretary to the President.

WIRES:

Seattle Industrial Labor Union Council, Eugene V. Dennett, Exec. Sec.,
Seattle, Wash. 2/10 urge adoption David Lasser-John
L. Lewis plan 3 million more jobs WPA. W.P.A.

Jos. Hoffman, Workers Alliance of St. Louis, 3946 Olive, St. Louis,
Mo. 2/10 urge passage of Schwellenbach-Allen resolution.

Federal Writers Local 1700 Workers Alliance of America, New York, NY
2/10 Protest the arbitrary and undemocratic censorship
of Stevedore and Judgment Day by Col. Connally, State
Adm. of Souther California. WPA

Respectfully referred to the Secretary of Labor for
consideration and acknowledgment by memorandum.

M. H. McINTYRE
Secretary to the President.

WIRES:

Yuma County Central Labor Council, C. M. McMullin, Sec., Yuma, Ariz.
2/10 Organized labor collective bargaining right
and request to L. J. Foster, Chief Engineer "All American Canal"
for settlement of Labor disputes existing since Jan. 26.
seemingly ignored. Asks for immediate settlement.

Ship's Delegate, Galveston, Texas. Crew SS Olancho, 2/10 Protest S.3078
and H.R. 8532.

Leon Cuthill, Pres., John Flaherty, Sec., Single Workers Alliance, St. Paul,
Minn. 2/10 Single Workers Local 122, Workers Alliance of
Minnesota, urge passage of Schwellenbach-Allen resolution
and repeal of the Woodrum amendment. Labor.

WPA Teachers Erasmus Hall High School, Brooklyn, N.Y. 2/10 urge passage of
Schwellenbach-Allen resolution. Labor.

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M.H. McINTYRE
Secretary to the President.

Telegram sent

September 28, 1938.

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Respectfully referred for consideration and acknowledgment by memo.

M.H. McINTYRE
Secretary to the President.

Telegrams sent to State Dept. in re European crisis, Commending the President on his message for peace, etc.,

PICKUS, A. Cleveland, Ohio. 9/27/38
IRWIN, Josephine Chairman Dept. of International Relations. Cleveland, Ohio. 9/27/38
REMINGTON, O.O. Adjutant Geo. HOIMAN Commander Okla. City. Okla. 9/27/38
V.F.W. Post 1857 Congratulating the Pres. on his action in preserving peace.

FITCH, Margaret Cleveland, Ohio. 9/26/38
YEAGER, G. D. Pittsburgh. Pa. 9/26/38
KULP, C. F. President. C. H. SHIRK, Secretary, J.H. Brasher, Cor. Secy. Mathew Simpson Hall. Methodist Episcopal Ministers 17th and Arch Sts. Phila. Pa. 9/26/38

BISHOP, Herbert Welch C. S. OTTO, Dist. Supt. W. R. Leslie, Secretary Boston, Mass. 9/26/38 Congratulations on peace message Ministers and laymen of the Boston District of the Methodist Episcopal Church
LASSER, David National President Herbert Benjamin; General Secretary; Treasurer for the Delegates to the Fourth Annual Convention of the Workers Alliance of America. Cleveland, Ohio. 9/26/38

GAITHER, Emily 84 Horatio St. N.Y.C. 9/26/38
FENWICK, Charles F. and Rev. R. A. McGOWAN Washington, D.C. 9/26/38
MENKEN, S. Stanwood N.Y.C. 9/26/38
MAKIN, C. Comer. Savannah, Ga. 9/27/38
TROXELL, John St Louis, Mo. 9/26/38

OLSTEAD, Frank National Chairman, War Reliefs League N.Y.C. 9/26/38
WILKINSON; Horace C. Birmingham, Ala. 9/26/38
TYGER, Edna Anna Margaret McFeaters; Alice Stewart. Indiana, Pa. 9/27/38
LONGSHOREMANS CIVIC CIRCLE GEORGE McNEIL 38 East 9th St. N.Y.C. 9/27/38
RUBINGER, Maurice 160 Broadway N.Y.V. 9/26/38
WEST, Annette G. Milwaukee, Wisconsin 9/27/38

ELLIOTT, Martha Helen President Womens International League for Peace and Freedom, Boston, Mass. 9/26/38
BOWLES, Geo. A. Secretary St. Louis, Mo. Ministers of St Louis Dist. 9/26/38

MOORE, Joan Winkle St Louis, Missouri 9/26/38
CARRAN, Mrs. E. F. A. Myrtle Pres. Cleveland Federation of Womens Clubs Statler Hotel Cleveland, Ohio. 9/26/38

GOLDSTEIN, Bebe Los Angeles, Calif 9/27/38
RITTENHOUSE, Jean A. 4733 Voltaire Ave., San Fieldo, Calif 9/27/38
INDIANA COUNTRY YOUTHS COUNCIL Alice N. Stewart President Indiana, Penna 9/27/38
LODS, Nanette 39 Turner Place Brooklyn, N.Y. 9/26/38
DENNETT, Eugene V. Ex. Secty. Seattle Industrial Labor Union Council Seattle Washington. 9/26/38

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M.H. McINTYRE
Secretary to the President.

Telegrams sent to W.P.A. for attention. Appeal to the President to issue special message to Congress reestablishing prevailing wages and halting all layoffs von W.P.A.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER FEDERATION ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS CHEMISTS AND TECHNICIANS
CIO N.Y.C. 7/7/39

W.P.A. Workers of Hibbing, Hilling, Minn/ 7/6/39
CROWNING COUNTY WPA WORKERS Chairman Roy S. Williams, V. Chairman Leon Sterenz
Secretary Leo J. KOSTEK. Brainerd Minn/ 7/7/6/39
Edward Radden Representing Project 17734 -R. District Four Cleveland, Ohio 7/6/
PARR, Edna M. Secretary W.P.A. Workers Pittsburg, Kansas 7/6/39
National Administrative Committee Workers Alliance of America David Lasser Natl
ional President. Washington, D.C. 7/6/39
International Association Bridge Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers Ship-
mens Local Union No. 455 7 East 15th St. N.Y.C. 7/6/39

George Phillips Moon Beach Resort, Eagle River, Wisconsin 7/7/39 Telegram.
"The President. Due to abnormal high water conditions, we are completely
flooded out. Town and county agencies and governor refuse to make investiga-
tion. Send immediately some federal agency who has authority about Northern
Wisconsin Lake levels. Urgent today. Sent to War Dept. Attention Chief of
Engineers,

GEHLMANN, A.G. R.D.#2 Evans City, Pa. 7/6/39 In re Employment Protest on
Republican Domination of all projects. References contracts sent to W.P.A.

HAHN, George 127 West 79th St. N.Y.C. 7/5/39 Express appreciation on the
Presidents stand on the international situation sent to State Dept.

BENNET, William S. Chairman of the Federal Legislation Committee of the
New York County Lawyers' Association 25 Broadway N.Y.C. 7/6/39 Has
approved the following bills. H.R. Bill 6075; H. R. Bill 6322 :
Approved H.R. Bill 3230; Approved H.R. Bill 6138; Disapproved
S. J. Res. 15; H.J. Res. 299; S. J. Res. 140; S. J. Res. 147; H.R.
5797;

MacLEOD, W.A. Canadian Co-Operative Wheat Producers Winnipeg, Canada 6/30/39
The writer asks the Pres. to persuade Mrs. Roosevelt to accept the
invitation of the Canadian Association for Adult Education to be
present and speak on October 5 at the annual meeting of the Association
at Winnipeg. Sent to State Dept.

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THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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July 6, 1939

GRAVE SITUATION AND UNPARALLELED MISERY WHICH THREATENS MILLIONS THROUGH OPERATION NEW RELIEF ACT
REQUIRES IMMEDIATE REMEDIAL LEGISLATION. REDUCTION OF FUNDS WILL MEAN 700,000 LAYOFFS IN NEXT 90
DAYS. ROTATION OF ROLLS AFTER 18 MONTHS MEANS DISRUPTION OF PROGRAM AND 600,000 DROPPED BEFORE
AUGUST 31. ELIMINATION PREVAILING WAGE AND SUBSTITUTION 130 HOUR MONTH MEANS TREMENDOUS HOURLY
WAGE CUT AND PLACES GOVERNMENT IN POSITION AS ENCOURAGING WAGE CUTS IN INDUSTRY. MONTHLY WAGE
REVISION TOGETHER WITH ELIMINATION PER MAN LABOR COST, AS IMPOSED BY CONGRESS, MEANS LARGE SCALE
CUTS IN MONTHLY WAGES TO TWO MILLION ALREADY SUFFERING WORKERS. ELIMINATION THEATRE PROJECT MEANS
UNJUST DISCRIMINATION TO USEFUL CITIZENS AND DEPRIVING MILLIONS OF HEALTHY ENTERTAINMENT. WE KNOW
MANY OF THESE PROVISIONS WERE AGAINST DESIRE YOUR ADMINISTRATION. ALL OF THEM ARE AGAINST THE
PRINCIPLES OF YOUR ADMINISTRATION. THESE PROVISIONS WERE MADE POSSIBLE ONLY BY ACTION OF TORY
DEMOCRAT-REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CONFRONTING YOU AND CONGRESS WITH NECESSITY
OF APPROVAL FEW HOURS BEFORE WPA EXPIRED. DEVELOPING SITUATION IN LIGHT OF CALM REASON AND ABSENCE
OF CONGRESSIONAL HYSTERIA SHOULD MAKE EVIDENT GRAVE INJUSTICE WAS DONE MILLIONS OF OUR FELLOW
CITIZENS AND PROGRAM MADE ALMOST UNWORKABLE. THERE IS YET TIME FOR CONGRESS TO CORRECT ITS
ACTIONS. WE ASK, IN NAME OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS NEEDY PATRIOTIC CITIZENS AFFECTED BY THIS
RELIEF BILL, IF YOU WILL NOT ASK CONGRESS TO CHANGE ABOVE MENTIONED PROVISIONS BEFORE IT ADJOURNS.
COULD IMMEDIATE APPOINTMENT BE ARRANGED WITH YOU TO DISCUSS THIS? IF NOT, MAY WE HAVE PERMISSION
TO RELEASE THIS TELEGRAM IMMEDIATELY?

NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE, WORKERS ALLIANCE OF AMERICA,
DAVID LASSER, NATIONAL PRESIDENT



WORKERS ALLIANCE OF AMERICA

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July 8, 1939

Mr. Henry M. Kannee
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kannee:

In accordance with our telephone conversation this morning, I am enclosing a copy of the telegram which Mr. Lasser addressed to the President on July 6th.

I shall look forward to your telephone call on Monday, after you have taken it up with General Watson.

Sincerely yours,

Ida Fox

Ida Fox,
Secretary to the President

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THE NATION-WIDE ORGANIZATION OF PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM EMPLOYEES & UNEMPLOYED
OFFICIAL PUBLICATION, "WORK"

NEW YORK POST, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 1940.

'Why I Quit Workers Alliance'

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

6/29/40

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES:

Mr. David Lasser 'phoned today and asked that we change his address to 3014 Dent Place, N. W., telephone Michigan 5818.

Mr. Lasser has broken off relations with the Workers' Alliance and does not want anything addressed to him sent to that office.

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David Lasser
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'Why I Quit Workers Alliance—'

Lasser Traces Increasing Red Control

By no means a New Deal agency but a voluntary association of the unemployed, the Workers Alliance of America came into being in 1935 and 1936 through mergers of smaller groups. It collected small initiation fees and monthly dues. By the beginning of 1939 its claimed membership had grown to 600,000, half of it paid-up. Since then membership has declined.

David Lasser, M. I. T. graduate turned to Socialism by the Sacco-Vanzetti case, served as national president of the Alliance from its formation until his resignation in June. In these articles he explains why he resigned.

By DAVID LASSER

After five years as national president of the Workers Alliance of America, I resigned

June 18 because the organization was being used as an instrument of Communist propaganda at the expense of its original aims.

From top to bottom it had come under Communist control.

I have decided to tell how that control operates, how it was achieved, what have been its effects. In these articles I will speak frankly, giving names, dates and policies, in the belief that my revelations will spur formation of a movement truly representative of the unemployed.

Now, more than ever, the unemployed need such a movement. Their present condition endangers not only their own but also the national welfare.

Problems Must Be Solved

Fundamentally, they must solve the problems of keeping

alive, getting relief, finding public works employment and having such work done under decent conditions. But they must also rout prejudice and win public sympathy for their demands so that they may feel themselves a part of the community and take a proper place in the building of a new America.

These were among the original aims of the Workers Alliance.

During the 11 years following the start of the depression, unemployed all over the U. S. were forming clubs, associations, alliances, leagues and councils in accordance with the American idea of getting together for the solution of a common problem.

These groups merged gradually into city, state and then national movements. By 1936

there were three such national movements, of which the Workers Alliance was one. At that time it was without Communist leadership or influence.

Many felt that the problem then facing the unemployed was so desperate that unity of all groups was necessary. And so,

in 1936, the Alliance took in the Communist-led Unemployment Councils and other independent groups, forming a single national organization.

Communists Gain Steadily

The history of the last four years has been one of steady increase of control by the Communists. With my resignation a cycle ended. The efforts of the unemployed to maintain one national movement including the Communist leadership had failed.

The Communists themselves recognized this failure by returning to the isolation of the early days of the depression. At the meeting of the top committee—the national administrative committee—which accepted my resignation June 25, only four members were present.

Three of these were Communists: Russell Watson of Philadelphia, Sam Wiseman of New York and Frank Ingram

of Washington, D. C. I am uncertain about the political views of the fourth member present, Robert Geiger of Philadelphia.

Significantly, the meeting was attended and directed by Herbert Benjamin, who resigned from the Alliance four months previously and who was still the Communist Party's functionary in the unemployed field.

In other words, the guests invited into the house had succeeded in ousting the former occupants.

Reverts to Earlier Status

With that change the Alliance returned to the status of the old Unemployment Councils in 1935—a small, closely-controlled movement with strength chiefly in some of the larger centers.

Following my resignation, five of the six members of the national board who were non-Communists also resigned: John Gruse of Indiana, P. M. Biewer of Louisiana, Claude Davis of Wyoming, Albert Castner of New Jersey and Clyde Brown of Iowa.

Along with many former Alliance leaders and dissatisfied locals throughout the country, they are joining with me in support of a new national unemployed movement which will be 100 per cent American and free of isms.

For several of the national board members, the handling of this summer's Alliance convention was the decisive issue. The meeting which accepted my resignation also voted to send out a mail vote to the full national board as to postponing the national convention from July 11 to Aug. 28 and shortening the convention from three days to two.

"Decision" Already Made

Board Member Gruse received a ballot June 27, postmarked Washington 9 p. m., June 27. Before he could mark it, his attention was called to a copy of the Alliance paper, Work, which

went to press June 26, announcing the "decision" of the national board to postpone the convention and shorten deliberations.

Board Member Castner never received a ballot on the convention issue.

Indicative of the recent boldness of the Communists and their determination to maintain complete control over the Alliance was their selection, despite my protest, of Sam Wiseman of New York, leader of the Communist fraction within the Alliance, as chairman of the powerful rules and nominations committee at the forthcoming Alliance convention.

The rules and nominations committee has power not only to propose convention rules but also to nominate all the personnel of the convention committees and the national officers and national executive board for the coming year.

Another Sign of Boldness

Another indication of Communist boldness was a request May 28 by Frank Ingram, secretary of the Alliance, that I call a national executive board meeting on four days' notice to decide policy on such vital questions as peace, political action and national defense.

NEB members live all over the country and 30 days' notice usually is required, but Ingram explained that enough of them would be attending the Communist Party convention in New York over Decoration Day to furnish a quorum!

Naturally I refused to bow to procedure that would have deprived the few non-Communist board members of their rights.

Looking back over the events of the last few years, it seems to me that the Communist leaders always treated the Alliance as a vehicle for propaganda rather than as a mass movement of the unemployed and that though they insisted on and obtained control, they furnished little organizational support.

I had wanted to resign in January but delayed action because of promises that things would be different and that sincere efforts would be made to develop a leadership representative of the unemployed as a whole.

The promises proved empty. Herbert Benjamin is, perhaps right when he says: "A leader in the Workers Alliance either becomes a Communist or quits."

David Lasser
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 13, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR

JIMMY ROWE:

Try to do something on this
today or Monday and perhaps he might
be useful in morale work in the C.C.C.

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Transmitting memorandum which the President
received from Mrs. Roosevelt, 12/6/41, reading
as follows: "David Lasser came to see me today. He
got a clause put into the Appropriations Bill but
Tabor had it taken out. I think, however, he is
morally clear now. He wants a job. He thinks he
could help with civilian morale work particularly
in labor groups with priorities on employment, but
as a matter of fact he would go anywhere you would
put him. Do you think that one of your ennoymous
gentlemen could work on this?"

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 7, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR SIDNEY HILLMAN: x4245

As a matter of practical fact,
I think that David Lasser got an
extremely unfair deal from the Congress
which provided in the W.P.A. appropria-
tion that he could not be employed out
of its funds. It is my thought that
as a matter of real justice we ought
to help him to find something else --
preferably in private employment --
at least for a while. Meanwhile, his
friends in the Congress may be able to
get some repeal of the present dis-
crimination against him.

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What do you think?

F.D.R.

No papers accompanied original memorandum to
to Mr. Hillman.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

JUN 25, 1941

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 25, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR

HOWARD HUNTER:

For preparation of reply.

F.D.R.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Letter from David Lasser, 3014 Dent Place,
Washington, D. C., 6/25/41 to Miss LeHand,
with enclosed letter to the President, in re
his leaving WPA employment on June 30. Offers
his services to the President.

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U.S. AGENCY
ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

July 12, 1941

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Dear Dave:

I am grateful for your nice letter
of June twenty-fifth.

I know that you did good and loyal
work while you were employed by the Work Pro-
jects Administration, and I sincerely hope
that you will find a place where your real
abilities and loyalties may be used.

Very sincerely yours,

Attached is a suggested reply for the

President to make to

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

David Lasser, Esq.,
3014 Dent Place,
Washington, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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Mr. Foster

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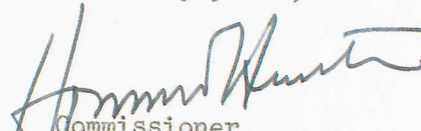
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Major General Edwin M. Watson
Secretary to the President
The White House

Dear Pa:

Attached is a suggested reply for the
President to make to David Lasser.

Sincerely yours,


Commissioner

Attachments

FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY
WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION
1734 NEW YORK AVENUE NW.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

HOWARD O. HUNTER
COMMISSIONER OF WORK PROJECTS

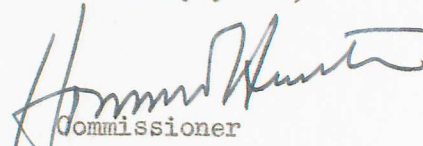
July 11, 1941

Major General Edwin M. Watson
Secretary to the President
The White House

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President to make to David Lasser.

Sincerely yours,


Commissioner

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July 10, 1941

DRAFT OF SUGGESTED REPLY

Mr. David Lasser
3014 Dent Place
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lasser (or Dave):

I am grateful for your nice letter of June 25th.

I know that you did good and loyal work while you were employed by the Work Projects Administration, and I sincerely hope that you will find a place where your real abilities and loyalties may be used.

Honorable Howard C. Carter,
Commissioner,
Work Projects Administration,
Washington, D. C.

Enclosure. Return of 2 ltrs of 6/25/41 from David Lasser, one addressed to the President and the other to Miss Lillard.

FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY
WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION
1734 NEW YORK AVENUE NW
WASHINGTON, D. C.

HOWARD O. HUNTER
Commissioner of Work Projects

July 10, 1941

Dear Howard:

I am returning the letters from David Lasser, with the request that you be good enough to draft such reply as you suggest in your letter of July eighth to me.

Very sincerely yours,

For once in my life I am stuck in suggesting what the President might say to David Lasser, as I am not sure just what his personal relations with Lasser have been, although I hope they have been very friendly. My suggestion is that the President acknowledge the letter and express his appreciation of Lasser's work for the WPA, although it was brief, and also express the hope that he will find a place where his abilities may be used.

EDWIN M. WATSON

Secretary to the President

Honorable Howard O. Hunter,
Commissioner,
Work Projects Administration,
Washington, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

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FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY
WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION
1734 NEW YORK AVENUE NW.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

HOWARD O. HUNTER
COMMISSIONER OF WORK PROJECTS

July 8, 1941

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Major General Edwin M. Watson
Secretary to the President
The White House

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Sincerely yours,

Hunter
Commissioner

Enclosures

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3014 Dent Place,
Washington, D.C.,
June 25, 1941.

Dear Mr. President:

I am taking this privilege of writing you this personal note before I leave my WPA employment on June 30th.

As you may know, a specific clause in the new WPA bill, prevents payment of any of those funds to David Lasser. Despite the splendid defense by your real supporters, the false charges plus an hysterical atmosphere in Congress carried the day. However, many Congressmen I have talked to since, already regret their vote against me.

I do not know what my future plans are; but with so much work to be done in this country, and so little time to do it, there can be no sulking in the tent. I am eager to be up-and-doing and make my contribution to our defense activities.

You are my Commander-in-Chief. If you believe I am still useful, I am ready to serve in any way you think proper. But whatever you may decide, my affection for Mrs. Roosevelt and you will always remain; and I will not regret enlisting under your banner for the duration.

Sincerely yours,

David Lasser

President Franklin D. Roosevelt,
White House,
Washington, D.C.

3014 Dent Place,
Washington, D.C.,
June 25, 1941.

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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I hope I am not intruding on your well-earned vacation, to
send you a copy of a note to the President.

There is no feeling of bitterness because of Congress' action.
Only it seems that Congress was not being helpful in getting unions
to fight Communists, when it penalized one who did.

However, as the attached editorial from the Baltimore Sun indi-
cates, my head is "bloody but unbowed."

Of course, I intend to try to find a place where I can be useful
whether in government service or out. But whatever I may be doing, I
will never forget your continued help to our cause and to the other
underprivileged.

Hoping you get everything you want from your vacation, I am,

Sincerely,

David Lasser
David Lasser.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

FATE WINS ANOTHER SKIRMISH
WITH MR. DAVID LASSER

BALTIMORE SUN
4/22/41

Most of us have an occasional bout with Fate. Sometimes we go down; sometimes we survive. But the encounters are rare and they are not, generally speaking, particularly personalized. Fate doesn't seem to have a special grudge against us as individuals.

Mr. David Lasser's case is different. Fate, acting through the Congress of the United States, has just shot Mr. Lasser's WPA job from under him. It wasn't a tremendous job, as such things go. It paid \$4,400 a year. But the Congress of the United States devoted precious hours to it, and today Mr. Lasser is once more the victim of the mills of the gods.

Yet the chances are that Mr. Lasser was as wholehearted, as enthusiastic and as devoted a servant of the people as any in Washington. Mr. Lasser has always been a wholehearted devotee of his job. His job, in fact, has always been to him an opportunity. Maybe that's why Fate singles him out for its recurrent attacks.

Back in 1928 he devoted himself to the cause of Mr. Herbert Hoover. But Fate, discovering Mr. Lasser's devotion for Mr. Hoover, proceeded to erase Mr. Hoover. Along came technocracy. Mr. Lasser saw the light and devoted himself to technocracy. Fate heard about it and erased technocracy. Mr. Lasser devoted himself to the cause of the Interplanetary Society, whose ambition it was to send a rocket to the moon. Fate, in alliance with the gravitational force, erased that cause.

His head bloody but unbowed, Mr. Lasser teamed up with the unemployed and organized the Workers' Alliance, the One Big Union of WPA workers. The Dies committee proved to Mr. Lasser's satisfaction that he was being used as a cat's-paw of the Communists. Being a patriot, he rebelled, which is to say he was out of a job again.

That was the last heard of him until it transpired that he was on the WPA payroll at \$4,400 a year, devoting himself, we may be sure, with wholehearted zeal to this new cause. But Fate wasn't through with him, and the Congressional action of Friday was the result.

Fate has won another skirmish with the man she most delights to torment. But don't jump to the conclusion that Mr. Lasser is licked. Where he goes from here, we have no means of knowing, but it is dollars to doughnuts that in a few months, despite all the dark powers, Mr. Lasser will have found a new cause and will be giving it all he's got. Some will pity him, but not we; we have a hunch he'll lick Fate yet.

3014 Dent Place,
Washington, D.C.,
June 25, 1941.

Dear Mr. President:

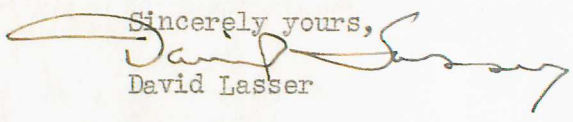
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Sincerely yours,


David Lasser

President Franklin Roosevelt,
White House,
Washington, D.C.

3014 Dent Place,
Washington, D.C.,
June 25, 1941.

Dear Miss Le Hand:

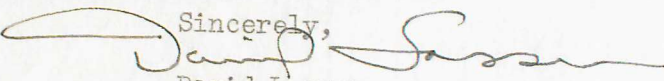
I would appreciate it very much if you could call the attached note to the President's attention.

With so many world-shaking events consuming his time, I hate to intrude. However, because of his confidence and kindness in the past, I couldn't leave my job without letting him know how I felt.

Until June 30th I will be at the WPA. After that date I can be reached at my home, 3014 Dent Place, Washington; the phone number being MICHIGAN 5818.

Thanks muchly for all your past helpfulness. I hope you have an early recovery from your cold.

Sincerely,


David Lasser

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February 20, 1942

CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR

HON. BAIRD SNYDER, III
Acting Administrator,
Federal Works Agency

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The attached letter is self-explanatory.

I told Lasser on the phone that I thought he should take any salary and any post that was offered him. I told him also that by doing that, once he got into the organization he could very easily demonstrate his worth.

I thought you should know this and that it might make it easier for you to take care of him.

M. H. McINTYRE

Secretary to the President

Enclosure Let to MHM 2/19/42 from David Lasser, 3014 Dent Place, Washington, D. C. re misunderstanding at FWA over salary offered with job.

to be perfectly candid and tell me if I am a burden or an embarrassment to you or the Administration.

I can guess the problem you have had trying to place me. My experience indicates that it may require either a courageous Administrator who doesn't mind a little criticism (it will probably be less than he thinks); or a flat order from the President.

3014 Dent Place,
Washington, D.C.,
February 19, 1942.

Dear Mr. McIntyre:

As I told you over the phone, I am willing to swallow my pride and be guided by your advice in the FWA matter. I am therefore enclosing a letter which you can forward to Mr. Snyder if you think it desirable. As you see, I have tried to be tactful and ascribed the present situation to a misunderstanding

It was however, as a result of the humiliating experience at FWA that I wanted to see you, or write you this personal note. I felt I could write you in this vein because of your sympathy and helpfulness.

You know that through these eight months I have tried to be patient, and to maintain a sense of balance and dignity. But certainly after the painful job hunting experiences capped with the FWA episode a man is entitled to ask once: "What have I done to deserve this?"

There is no reason why you should be bored with the details of the FWA business; but Snyder, for example, treated me like a criminal who he is giving a chance to go straight, provided he will earn an honest living hereafter. The confused and confusing events at FWA were a natural sequence of that attitude.

This caused me to reflect and wonder whether I was getting into the position of being a charge or "pensioner" of the Administration. I don't want to fall into those classes. The Administration owes me nothing. Everything I did when I broke with the Workers Alliance was through conviction and I would do it again even if it had the same result.

My desire to get back into government service was based, first, on the feeling that I could be of most usefulness there; and second, because it was necessary after my "fall from grace" last June to be returned to government service as an indication that I had been "redeemed."

The salary in government is important beyond the money received, as an indication of the relative worth the government places on your services. All I ask in that connection is the right other people enjoy to use my talents and experience to help to win this fight.

If my unemployment had not caused a severe problem to my family, I should like to go into the Army; and still hope to when I can leave them with some security. Meanwhile I want you to be perfectly candid and tell me if I am a burden or an embarrassment to you or the Administration.

I can guess the problem you have had trying to place me. My experience indicates that it may require either a courageous Administrator who doesn't mind a little criticism (it will probably be less than he thinks); or a flat order from the President.

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Meanwhile, I am at your service; and no matter what the final outcome may be, thanks a million for your help to date.

Sincerely,


David Lasser

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 21, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR

HON. JACK BLANDFORD: x4806

What do you think I should say
or do?

F.D.R.

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Letter from David Lasser, 3014 Dent Place,
Washington, D. C., 3/12/42, to the President,
in re his desire for employment. Attached is
President's memorandum for Mrs. Roosevelt, 3/17/42,
"What do you think I should do?", and memorandum
for the President from Mrs. Roosevelt, 3/17/42,
"I think David Lasser could be used in the new
housing set-up. There is no question but what he
ought to be used and he has had a very tough
time".

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President.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 17, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR

MRS. ROOSEVELT: xPP72

What do you think I should do?

F.D.R.

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Letter from David Lasser, 3014 Dent Place,
Washington, D. C., 3/12/42, to the President.
Encloses copy of letter ~~has~~ received from
Cong. Clarence Cannon by Mr. David Niles, x4847
12/16/41, advising that Mr. Lasser had been
cleared of charges made against him, and
that he recommends appt. of Mr. Lasser to
a position in OPM. Mr. Lasser states that
he has been unable to find employment in the
Govt. and expresses ~~his~~ desire to be of
service in a civilian or military capacity.

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Washington, D. C.

President.

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3014 Dent Place
Washington, D. C.

March 12, 1942

Dear Miss Tully:

I am enclosing a letter to the President.

I would appreciate it greatly if you would call
it to his attention.

Much obliged for this and your past courtesies.

Sincerely yours,



David Lasser

Miss Grace Tully,
The White House
Washington, D. C.

THIS IS
LEONARD LASSER FATHER OF
DAVID LASSER PRESIDENT
OF THE
WORKERS ALLIANCE

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ED. STATES OF AMERICA,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

MY ARESS 2 EARL ST.
NEWARK N.J.

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own, which I have in my mind, and a study
for several years.

As to Build a floating Bridge accross the
Atlantic Ocean or any other big body of water.
This Project can be done, providing that
all the Nations will help with money
Material Engineering and Labor.

So this plan, every Man woman and child
can be employed, and receive big wages.

On return they will be able to return
a big income tax to their respective government.
Warships will carry Material for the Bridge
instead of Cannons.

Soldiers and Sailors will work in shops
instead of carrying Rifles.

The governments wont have to keep up armies
and navies.

Rocatering Burglery Murder Kidnapping will
not be known.

Because every will be employed.
and live happily

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TO

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT,

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

WASHINGTON, D.C.

MY

DEAR MR PRESIDENT,

Please forgive me, taking the liberty of this writing.

I am not a dreamer, but an idea of my own, which I have in my mind, and a study for several years.

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All the inventions
10 years or more people laughed at
to day a reality.

Air planes and dirigibles are in its
infancy. God knows when or ever
it is wise to risk human lives
over oceans.

The following is favorite Idea,
How the Bridge should or be Build.

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A floating Bridge on Dumbo Vessels
thousand feet long, 200 feet high
Pillars 50' in circumference imbedded in on top
of boat, on top of Pillars a 30' feet thick floor
will rest of the end to on.

The bridge will be $\frac{1}{2}$ mile wide and tower
300 or more feet high,
will allow vessels to pass under
will be ice berg proof

Electric trains to run 300 or more miles
an hour

Trains by rocket propulsion
trains to run without wheels.

will have Elevators to run down to ocean
steel cages to go down saving bathing
On top Hospitals Amusement places
Hotels Shops.

And a Thousand other Ideas.

Thanking you in advance for your
Time.

Please by all means do not mention name
to any one.
Faithfully Yours

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LASSER, DAVID

National President,
Workers Alliance of America,
1211 Eye Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Undated

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Re: Petition to Department of State
to act favorably and speedily
upon application for visa by
Harold Pritchett and family for
entrance and permanent residence
in U.S. with view of becoming
American citizen.

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of a building for the Medical Library."

3. David Lasser phoned:

"I wanted to arrange for an appointment some time this week with the President before the relief message goes up to the House." (Met. 4830)

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UNEMPLOYED COUNCIL,
Washington, D. C.
March 6, 1933

LASSER, David
Chm. Workers Unemployed League of
New York,
March 5, 1933

STRIGAUSKAS, Joseph
Aviesos Draugijai,
Waterbury, Conn.
March 5, 1933

The above wired the President urging him to call an
extra session of Congress for the purpose of providing for
unemployment insurance.

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Filed - December 3, 1935

Petition presented by David Lasser, Well-known Communist from New York. 18 Leroy St., New York City. (on March 5, 1935.) Business Address: 22 East 22nd St., New York City.

Petition on behalf of WPA workers and unemployed of Workers Alliance of America.

Protests inadequacy of Relief aid, and present security wage under WPA. Demands new minimum of \$35.00 monthly for WPA, continuance of Federal Relief aid to States, a seven billion dollar appropriation by next Congress for made work, and opportunity for unemployed to share in planning program.

Unless suggestions for Relief administration are adopted, demands support of Administration for 30-hour week, unemployment insurance, a satisfactory housing program, and enactment of Workers Rights Amendment to Constitution.

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Waldron, Mrs. Francisco L., Secy.,
Clackamas County Assembly of Oregon Workers Alliance
Affiliate of Workers Alliance of America,
Oregon City, Oregon.

Aug. 26, 1936.

Urging support provisions embodied in the demands made by David Lassar, Pres.
WA of A. regulating hours, wages and working conditions in general on WPA
projects.

Referred to the Labor Department.

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LASSER, Mr. David, Pres.,
Workers Alliance of America,
Wash., D.C.
Sept. 22, 1936.

same.

Encloses a questionnaire, requesting that President reply to

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REFERRED TO HONORABLE HARRY L. HOPKINS:
October 28, 1936

On above date Mr. Forster referred:-

Telegram from WORKERS ALLIANCE OF MERCER COUNTY, Unit 2, Trenton, NJ,
10/28/36 - demanding the President meet David Lasser at Camden, Thursday.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
10/26/36

On above date Col. McIntyre wrote memo to the President (in reference to the Workers Alliance of America) as follows:- "I finally saw these people on Saturday and formally received this petition. Mr. Hopkins has a copy."--(Pencil memo on above as follows: "Mac, Don't you think Harry should reply to this? Someone should reply to it."). On Oct. 27th, Col. McIntyre wrote memo to Mr. Harry Hopkins, transmitting letter, 10/24/36 - from Mr. David Lasser, National President, Workers Alliance of America, Room 510 Burchell Building, 517 14th St., N.W., Washington, D. C. Re: Program for improvement of wages and conditions of 2½ million WPA workers and for alleviation of condition of millions of unemployed on direct relief or receiving no relief.--Col. McIntyre, in his memo to Mr. Hopkins asks him to reply to the above.

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HOPKINS, Hon. Harry L.
Works Br...

LASSER, David, National Pres.,
Workers Alliance of America,
Wash., D.C.
June 17, 1937.

Writes that one June 22nd-25th the Third Annual National Convention of the Workers Alliance of America will be held at Plankinton Hall, Milwaukee, Wisc. They would greatly appreciate a letter of greetings from the President to their convention, outlining his views on the problems of unemployment and relief.

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HOPKINS, Hon. Harry L.
Works Progress Administrator
March 16, 1937

Mr. McIntyre referred to him letter addressed to the President March 11, 1937 which David Lasser, National President of the Workers' Alliance of America left with the President after talking with him. Mr. Lasser wrote re recommendations of the Alliance with reference to the Works Progress Administration and the Public Works Administration.

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The following sent holiday greetings to the President. Filed 1-4-39.

MILLS, Henry
Philadelphia, Pa.
MANYON, Elaine
W. Hartford, Conn.
*TERRAL, Tom J.
Little Rock, Ark.
*WOODWARD, Ellen S.
Washington, D.C.
*POINDEXTER, J.B.
Gov. of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii
SALAMO, Miss Nancy
Brooklyn, N.Y.
TENNEY, John A., Jr.
Indianapolis, Ind.
NACINGAST, Wallace
Long Island, N.Y.
CALLOWAY, S. H.
Oak Park, Ill.
ATKINSON, Albert H.
Phoenixville, Pa.
(sent poem)
DIGHTMAN, A. A.
Tacoma, Wash.
DOBBIN, Rosalie
New York City
SHOOK, Edgar
Kansas City, Mo.
SCHWARTZKOPF, Emanuel
Bronx, N.Y.
HARTWELL, Harry T.
Mobile, Ala.
HARDT, Harry W.
Baltimore, Md.
KEALY, Michael
Jersey City, N.J.
RUSH, Mrs. C. B.
New York City
UPP, Frank M.
Tucson, Arizona
HOLDEN, John A.
Chicago, Ill.
BUCKLEY, Thomas H. - Pres.
KANE, J. Edward - Sec'y.
Plymouth County League
of Democratic Voters
Abington, Mass.
SEE -- P.P.F. 1000- (Initial of Writer)

*Workers Alliance of America
LASSER, David
no address
BANDERSON, Hazel
College Point, L.I., N.Y.
FEENEY, Harry
FEENEY, Raymond
Montclair, N.J.
WATKINS, Ben
Winnetka, Ill.
OTT, George W.
Darby, Pa.
SWIFT, James D.
Jacksonville, Fla.
McGOVERN, E. B.
Seattle, Wash.
NOVORR, J. Jerry
Kansas City, Mo.
VEITCH, Damaris
Medford, Mass.
VANATTA, Carrie
Juniata, Neb.
WARNER, Harry M.
Hollywood, Calif.
HAGGERTY, Peter J.
Employees of San Francisco Mint.
San Francisco, Calif.
MILLER, Mrs. F.
New Alexandria, Pa.
THORNBURG, Harry A.
San Francisco, Calif.
(sent snapshot - wants
autographed picture)
BAILY, Martha G.
Table Grove, Mo.
HOUSTON, Lem W.
Fredericksburg, Va.
SISTEK, George R.
Irwin, Pa.
POWELL, Charles S.
Ardmore, Pa.
ELSBURY, Merlin
Chicago, Ill.

McCAIG, Floyd M.
Chicago, Ill.
CASTER, Mrs. Sylvia
Women's Democratic Club
of Forward Township
Allegheny Co., Pa.
STUART, Harry Lee, Jr.
Oklahoma City, Okla.
McCARATHY, Ken
Los Angeles, Calif.
THOMASON, J. E.
Omaha, Neb.
REEKS, Bettie
Ashland City, Tenn.
SCHWARTZ, Mrs. Sophie
New Orleans, La.
GOODWIN, Mrs. R.
GOODWIN, Hazel
Los Angeles, Calif.
FABY, Ed
Weed, Calif.
RUTHERFORD, William
Grant Union High School
N. Sacramento, Calif.
LOCHNER, Capt. C. B.
Pwllheli, N. Wales, Eng.
Enc. card for Pres. and
sent greetings to M.A.L.
GOLDEN, A. A.
Los Angeles, Calif.
SLOTNICK, Joseph
Rochester, N.Y.
*LECHE, Gov. Richard W.
Baton Rouge, La.
(ack. by Pres.)
*BROOKS, Rt. Rev. Arthur W.
Hollis, L.I., N.Y.
(ack. by Pres.)
*HAMILTON, Norman R., M.C.
Portsmouth, Va.
(ack. by Pres.)
*LAMBETH, Hon. J. Walter,
Thomasville, N.C. (M.C.)
(ack. by Pres.)
*MURPHY, Gov. Frank
Lansing, Mich.
(ack. by Pres.)

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LASSER, David, National President,
Workers Alliance of America
Washington, D. C.

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Writes President urging reconsideration of proposed discharge of WPA workers.

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Lasser, David
National President,
Workers Alliance of America,
Washington, D.C.
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Letter to the President, requesting that he send a message of greeting to the National Right-to-Work Congress, which will be held in the Dept. of Labor Auditorium in D.C., June 3rd to 10th. Also asks if it would be possible for President to see him during the next ten days. Mr. Lasser would like to discuss matters concerning WPA and relief appropriations. Memo attached of 5-25-39 for Mr. Hassett from Mr. Kannee saying that he has answered Mr. Lasser's query in regard to an appointment with the President with the advise that he (Mr. Kannee) would refer his request for a message to Mr. Early. Also attached is memo of 5-25-39 to Mr. Hassett from Miss Williams saying that the only thing that Mrs. Summerville can find is a letter to Willis Morgan of the Workers Alliance from Miss Thompson saying that Mrs. Roosevelt could come on June 7, either for morning meeting or lunch meeting. Says that apparently Miss Thompson has the rest of the correspondence with her which would show the definite time. Also attached is memo of May 25th saying: "Permit for David Lasser to use the Labor Dept. Auditorium between June 3 and 10 was signed by the Acting Secretary of the Interior. (Information from Mr. Cammerer's office)." In Mr. Lasser's letter, he remarks that Mrs. Roosevelt will be one of those to address the Congress.

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LASSER, David
National President, American Security Union
Chicago, Illinois.

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- 1 - Miss Jay says that the La. delegation is coming in to see Miss Perkins at 12.30 -- wants to know if there is anything on the La. situation the Sec. ought to know, or what tactics she should employ.
- 2 - David Lasser of the Workers Unemployed Union wants to come in here Monday with "quite a large delegation" he told Miss Barrows.
May I call him and tell him the usual thing about a committee of not more than three, etc.?

Call Mr. Galt

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London meeting
Barrows on