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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM TO: Miss Grace Tully

FROM: Frank C. Walker. X19

The President asked me to prepare a letter
for his signature to Governor Stevenson. The
attached is proposed.

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Suggested letter for the signature of the President.

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WASHINGTON

August 30, 1944.

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FORM NO. 14A
THE PRESIDENT
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TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

FROM

The White House
Washington

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September 4, 1944.

His Excellency
Coke Stephenson,
Governor of Texas,
Austin,
Texas.

I hope you will bring data in regard to future
manufacturing facilities as this is one of the points
* I want to talk with you about. Regards.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

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TALMADGE, Hon. Eugene - Georgia
CLARK, Hon. Chase A. - Idaho
GREEN, Hon. Dwight H. - Illinois
SCHRICKER, Hon. Henry F. - Indiana
WILSON, Hon. George A. - Iowa
HARRIS, Hon. Payne H. - Kansas

BRICKER, Hon. John W. - Ohio
PHILLIPS, Hon. Leon C. - Oklahoma
SPRAGUE, Hon. Charles A. - Oregon
JAMES, Hon. Arthur H. - Pennsylvania
MCGRATH, Hon. J. Howard - Rhode Island
HURLEY, Hon. J. E. - South Carolina
HARRIS, Hon. Payne H. - South Dakota

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The President sent telegrams to the Governors of the States and Territories asking each to instruct the proper officials of his State or Territory to transfer to the United States Employment Service all of the present personnel, records, and facilities required to set up this service as a uniformly and of necessity nationally operated employment service (to "utilize to the fullest possible extent all of the manpower and womanpower of this country to increase our production of war materials"). Said these employment offices will continue to serve the unemployment compensation agency so that there will be no need to set up duplicate offices. (The telegram to the Governor of Arizona was changed slightly.) --- The text of the telegram was supplied by Chairman Altmeyer, Social Security Board, Dec. 18, 1941, and changed by the President.

THE GOVERNORS:

DIXON, Hon. Frank M. - Alabama
OSBORN, Hon. Sidney P. - Arizona
ADKINS, Hon. Homer M. - Arkansas
OLSON, Hon. Culbert L. - California
CARR, Hon. Ralph L. - Colorado
HURLEY, Hon. Robert A. - Connecticut
BACON, Hon. Walter W. - Delaware
HOLLAND, Hon. Spessard L. - Florida
TALMADGE, Hon. Eugene - Georgia
CLARK, Hon. Chase A. - Idaho
GREEN, Hon. Dwight H. - Illinois
SCHRICKER, Hon. Henry F. - Indiana
WILSON, Hon. George A. - Iowa
RATNER, Hon. Payne H. - Kansas
JOHNSON, Hon. Keen - Kentucky
JONES, Hon. Sam H. - Louisiana
SEWALL, Hon. Sumner - Maine
O'CONOR, Hon. Herbert R. - Maryland
SALTONSTALL, Hon. Leverett - Massachusetts
VAN WAGONER, Hon. Murray D. - Michigan
STASSEN, Hon. Harold E. - Minnesota
JOHNSON, Hon. Paul B. - Mississippi
DONNELL, Hon. Forrest C. - Missouri
FORD, Hon. Sam C. - Montana

GRISWOLD, Hon. Dwight - Nebraska
CARVILLE, Hon. E. P. - Nevada
BLOOD, Hon. Robert O. - New Hampshire
EDISON, Hon. Charles - New Jersey
MILES, Hon. John E. - New Mexico
LEHMAN, Hon. Herbert H. - New York
BROUGHTON, Hon. J. Melville - North Carolina
MOSES, Hon. John - North Dakota
BRICKER, Hon. John W. - Ohio
PHILLIPS, Hon. Leon C. - Oklahoma
SPRAGUE, Hon. Charles A. - Oregon
JAMES, Hon. Arthur H. - Pennsylvania
McGRATH, Hon. J. Howard - Rhode Island
HURLEY, Hon. J. E. - South Carolina
BUSHFIELD, Hon. Harlan J. - South Dakota
COOPER, Hon. Prentice - Tennessee
STEVENSON, Hon. Coke R. - Texas
MAW, Hon. Herbert B. - Utah
WILLIS, Hon. William H. - Vermont
PRICE, Hon. James H. - Virginia
LANGLIE, Hon. Arthur B. - Washington
NEELY, Hon. Matthew M. - West Virginia
HEIL, Hon. Julius P. - Wisconsin
SMITH, Hon. Nels H. - Wyoming

GRUENING, Hon. Ernest - Territory of Alaska
POINDEXTER, Hon. Joseph B. - Territory of Hawaii

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ADKINS, Hon. Homer M.,
Governor of Arkansas
Little Rock, Ark.
March 13, 1942

The President wrote an identical letter to each of the 48 Governors regarding rationing of rubber tires. He said that a large part of our rubber stock-pile is on the wheels of the motor vehicles of the country, and that if this stock-pile is conserved by the individual motorists, as it is being endeavored to conserve the national stock-pile, tires will last much longer, cars will run much farther, and civilian life will be less disturbed because of lack of sufficient transportation facilities. The President suggested that by driving at a limited rate of speed tires will run many more miles; it would be to the advantage of the individual motorist, and likewise to the country, if the speed of all motor vehicles were limited to a maximum of forty miles per hour, and if regulations were promulgated requiring frequent checking of tires. He asked the cooperation of the Governors in this respect. He added that the tire rationing program so recently established by the Office of Price Administration has been a marked success. The Governors are as follows:

Governors:

BACON, Walter W., Governor of Delaware, Dover, Del.
BLOOD, Robert O., Governor of New Hampshire, Concord, N.H.
BRICKER, John W., Gov. of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio
BROUGHTON, J. Melville, N.Car; BUSHFIELD, Harlan J., S.Dak;
CARR, Ralph L., Colo; CARVILLE, E. P., Nev.; CLARK, Chase A.,
Idaho; COOPER, Prentice, Tenn.; DARDEN, Colgate W., Jr., Va;
DIXON, Frank M., Ala; DONNELL, Forrest C., Mo; EDISON, Chas.
N.J.; FORD, Sam S., Mont; GREEN, Dwight H., Ill; GRISWOLD, Dwight,
Nebr; HEIL, Julius P., Wisc; HOLLAND, Spessard L., Fla;
HURLEY, Robert A., Conn; JAMES, Arthur H., Pa; JEFFERIES,
R. M., S. Car; JOHNSON, Keen, Ky; JOHNSON, Paul B., Miss;
JONES, Sam H., La; LANGLIE, Arthur B., Wash; LEHMAN, Herbert
H., N.Y.; McGRATH, J. Howard, R.I.; MAW, Herbert B., Utah;
MILES, John E., New Mex; MOSES, John, N. Dak; NEELY, Matthew
M., W. Va; O'CONNOR, Herbert R., Md; OLSON, Culbert L., Calif;
OSBORN, Sidney P., Ariz; PHILLIPS, Leon C., Okla; RATNER,
Payne H., Kans; SALTONSTALL, Leverett, Mass; SCHRICKER, Henry
F., Ind; SEWALL, Sumner, Maine; SMITH, Nels H., Wyo; SPRAGUE,
Chas. A., Ore; STASSON, Harold E., Minn; STEVENSON, Coke R.,
Tex; TALMADGE, Eugene, Ga; VAN WAGONER, Murray D., Mich;
WILLS, William H., Vt., and WILSON, George A., Iowa.

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STEVENSON, Hon. Coke - Governor of Texas, Austin, Texas
MILES, Hon. John E. - Governor of New Mexico, Santa Fe, New Mexico
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Wrote joint letter to the President re desire of states of Texas and New Mexico to negotiate a compact respecting the use, storage and distribution of the waters of the Pecos River, and rights of the States thereto, said Pecos River being an inter-State stream. Hon. A. H. Dunlap and Hon. Thomas M. McClure have been appointed as Commissioners to represent Texas and New Mexico, respectively. Suggested that someone be appointed to represent the United States who has some connection with Nat'l Resources Planning Board, as that Board has caused to be made the Pecos River Joint Investigation, which will be used as basis for effort to arrive at agreement. Dr. B. M. Woods was suggested for this. --- Referred to Sec. of the Interior, Hon. Leland Olds, Nat'l Resources Planning Board by President's joint memorandum, Nov. 10, 1942 asking for preparation of reply. -- Sec. Ickes forwarded proposed replies, Dec. 4 also draft letter appointing Mr. Berkeley Johnston* as Government representative. -- Mr. Charles W. Eliot, Director, Nat'l Resources Planning Board, sent memo to Mr. Forster, Dec. 7 re these draft letters and release on them. --- The President wrote to Mr. Johnson, Dec. 8, 1942 appointing him as United States representative in negotiations for Pecos River Compact; this is pursuant to Act of March 2, 1929, granting consent of the Congress to compacts or agreements between the States of New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas with respect to division and apportionment of waters of the Rio Grande, Pecos, and Canadian or Red Rivers, and all other streams in which such states are jointly interested. -- The President wrote similar letters to Governors Stevenson and Miles, Dec. 8, 1942 re his appointment of Mr. Johnson rather than Dr. Baldwin M. Woods. The Nat'l Resources Planning Board is willing to make available services of Dr. Woods and the Consulting Board, which has been responsible for the Pecos River Joint Investigation, to sit with Compact Commission during negotiations. Enclosed copy of report of Pecos River Joint Investigation. -- Copies of President's letters to Mr. Johnson and the Governors sent to Sec. of the Interior, Mr. Olds, and Mr. Delano, Nat'l Resources Planning Board, Dec. 9.

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*(Mr. Johnson is a District Engineer of the Geological Survey, and is now the Government representative on the Rio Grande Compact Commission.)

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STEVENSON, Hon. Coke R.,

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RAYBURN, Hon. Sam
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
12-26-42

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Sent telegram to the President, from Bonham, Texas, stating that 17 members of the Texas House of Representatives and 6 Senators are in the Armed Forces, and asks that these men be put on inactive duty for the coming sessions of these Legislatures. --- Hon. Coke Stevenson, Governor of Texas, Austin, Texas, wrote to the President Dec. 23 requesting leaves of absence without pay for 17 members of the Texas Legislature, who are now in the Armed Forces of the U.S.A. --- Referred to Sec. of War by President's memo, Dec. 28, 1942, asking for preparation of reply and saying he doubts the advisability of putting State Legislators on inactive duty because the Federal law should apply. -- Sec. of War Stimson sent memo to Mr. McIntyre, Jan. 5, transmitting memorandum for the President, Jan. 5, 1943 representing joint views of the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of War, on the subject. -- Major McCarthy sent memo to Mr. McIntyre, Jan. 5, 1943 asking that he be notified when proposed drafts submitted by Sec. Knox and Sec. Stimson are signed. --- The President wrote to Mr. Rayburn, Jan. 6 advising of policy adopted by the War and Navy Departments to the end that furloughs or leaves of absence should not be granted to enlisted or commissioned personnel for extended periods except in cases of extreme emergency. Said the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended, provides for the deferment from training and service in the land and naval forces of the members of State legislatures, and that in accordance with the spirit of this provision, the War and Navy Departments will permit a member of the military or naval forces to be honorably discharged from the service for the convenience of the Government, upon his request, for the purpose of performing his duties as a duly-elected member of a State legislature. -- The President wrote a similar letter to Gov. Stevenson, Jan. 6, 1943.

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STEVENSON, Hon. Coke R.,
Governor of Texas
April 6, 1943

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Writes to the President expressing his concern as to the statistical condition of the oil industry in his state. Says the depletion of their known reserves, coupled with curtailment of exploration gives him much anxiety. Adds that unless relief is afforded to the independent oil operator in the form of increased prices for his products, it is his opinion that their reserves will continue to be depleted and exploration will be greatly retarded.--On 4/12/43 the President referred the above letter by memorandum to Hon. Harold Ickes for preparation of reply.--On 4/24/43 the President wrote to Gov. Stevenson. The President stated that in view of the prominent part played by the State of Texas in supplying approximately 35 percent of the Nation's crude oil during the past year, and the even greater role that it is destined to assume in the future by virtue of its possession of over half of the Nation's crude oil reserves, he can well understand the Governor's interest in the subject. He further stated that the Price Administrator now has under consideration a recommendation from the Petroleum Administration for War, urging an upward adjustment in the price of crude oil in an amount averaging approximately 35 cents per barrel; in order that the Price Administrator may have the benefit of Gov. Stevenson's views, the President states he is transmitting to him a copy of the Governor's letter to him. (Pencil notation: "Copies sent to Interior - O.P.A. 4/26/43 hm.")

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