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Subject File

Dace, Curtis B.

Box 143

CURTIS B. DALL

FENNER, BEANE & UNGERLEIDER
60 BEAVER STREET
NEW YORK

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.

July 27th, 1933.

Dear Pa: -

I am enclosing a statement, showing my income and expenses in this business for the first 6 months of 1933. In January, I had a heavy printing, stationery and postage bill, largely due to sending out announcements. Since then my business has increased steadily.

Whereas these figures do not show any interest on the Stock Exchange Seat, my chief concern for the last year has been to keep going and get in a position to reduce the loan on the Seat by at least \$25,000. and should in the future there occur a marked increase in the value of Seats, to dispose of mine and clean up the entire picture, which has caused me no little mental distress but which, however, in my opinion may easily work out for you and Cousin Henry better than if you had owned more National City Bank stock for instance.

The two months of May and June, when I had one partner, from a financial point of view, were satisfactory. My reasons for coming with Fenner, Beane & Ungerleider were that I think over a period of years I will make more money here in a big concern in the brokerage business. I receive here a salary of \$20,000. a year and a very small interest in the business as a whole, but which interest, I feel safe to say, should bring me at least \$10,000. in addition to my salary.

With this foundation underneath me, I wish to inaugurate, beginning May 1st, a monthly interest payment to you and Cousin Henry on the basis of 3% on the \$500,000. investment. You may have some different ideas regarding this matter and I will, of course,

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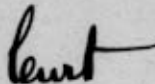
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hold myself in readiness to do anything in this connection that you and Cousin Henry see fit.

Accordingly, I am enclosing two checks, aggregating \$250., and I am sending Cousin Henry interest figured on a like basis.

I talked with "Missy" on the telephone day before yesterday and she thought it would be more convenient for you to see me in Hyde Park. I accordingly look forward to seeing you there before very long to get your general reaction to what I have written you and to get your advice on another matter of importance.

Affectionately yours,



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

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Hyde Park, New York
August 4, 1933

Dear Curt:

Many thanks for your letters of July twenty-seventh and thirty-first, enclosing checks for a total of \$375.00, representing interest on my loan to you at three per cent and covering the months of May, June and July, 1933.

As I told you last night, it seems to me that in order to have the whole transaction brought up to date and at the same time to make it more possible for you gradually to reduce the total indebtedness I would suggest that you give a note, noninterest-bearing, due ten years from now, for the amount of the back interest figured at three per cent instead of the six per cent called for in the original note.

You will have the check to check your records to show the amount of the back interest due, but it is for a period of roughly two years and a half. At the same time I am wholly willing to take three per cent as the interest rate from now on.

I entirely approve of your suggestion that you should start immediately to reduce the \$75,000.00 you now owe to the brokers on the Stock Exchange Seat down to, say, \$50,000.00, and I think there is a real possibility that in a year or a year and a half you should start paying down the amount due Cousin Henry and myself.

There is no reason why in normal times you should not be able wholly to work off the indebtedness.

and I know that that is something which will
give you the greatest possible satisfaction.

If you want to show this letter to Cousin
Henry and to Basil, please do so.

Affectionately yours,

Curtis B. Dall, Esq.,
60 Beaver Street,
New York, N. Y.

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Hyde Park, New York
August 5, 1933

Gentlemen:

Will you be good enough to credit the
President's account with the enclosed checks in
the amount of \$375.00.

Very truly yours,

M. A. LeHAND
Private Secretary

City Bank Farmers Trust Company,
22 William Street,
New York, N. Y.

Enclosures

Three

each

mwd

~~The~~ checks to President from Curtis B. Dall, /one for \$125.00, ~~and other~~
~~for~~, making a total of \$375.00.

For personal financial file August first, \$375.00 from Curtis B. Dall, 3%
interest on loan, for months of May, June and July, 1933.

OPERATING INCOME OF CURTIS B. DALL FROM JAN. 1, 1933, to July 1, 1933.

Curtis B. Dall

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>PROFIT</u>	<u>LOSS</u>
January	\$637.35	\$775.00		\$137.65
February	707.55	546.95	\$160.60	
March	974.09	587.65	386.44	
April	2922.31	528.12	2394.19	

Curtis B. Dall & Co.
50%

			<u>50% PROFIT</u>
May	10769.62	2039.56	\$4365.03
June	16304.38	6541.16	<u>4881.61</u>
		PROFIT -	\$12187.87
		LESS JAN. LOSS -	<u>137.65</u>
		NET PROFIT -	\$12050.22

CURTIS B. DALL

FENNER, BRANE & UNGERLEIDER
60 BEAVER STREET
NEW YORK

August 2nd, 1933.

Dear Pa: -

I hand you herewith check
for \$125., representing your July interest
on the Seat.

With kindest regards,

Affectionately yours,

Leurt.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Hyde Park,
N. Y.

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Enc. (Check)

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FENNER, BRANE & UNGERLEIDER
60 BEAVER STREET
NEW YORK

Sept. 19th, 1933.

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

Dear Pa: -

I am sorry to read in the papers that you have
been laid up with a cold and hope when you receive this
letter you will have entirely recovered.

Enclosed please find check for August interest.
I am expecting to see Cousin Henry in the near future and
go over with him the plan that you suggested, and will ad-
vise you as to his reaction.

The two proposed bills which Mr. Untermeyer has
drawn up with the avowed purpose of raising money to meet
the emergency relief situation here, are to the security
business as a whole most dangerous. The additional 4¢ on
stock transfers, irrespective of the fact whether it violates
the provisions of the Enabling Act, is bad enough and will
force a lot of business elsewhere, but his 5% tax on gross
income before any deductions whatsoever would mean for most
firms on the present normal volume of business that it would
amount to more than 100% of the net profit. Of course, the
New York situation, both as to City Administration with an
imminent election as well as from the bankers point of view,
who have some \$200,000,000. of Short Term paper in their
portfolios, is a very distressing one, and I hope that the
Governor in his meeting this afternoon will be able to find
a way out of the difficulty. The security business here is
not seeking to avoid carrying its full heavy share of the
burden of taxation. It simply means that its very contin-
uation is being threatened, and therefore the proposed move
to have the bulk of the business transacted in New Jersey
is by no means a bluff. It is my private opinion that
Tammany Hall will become very sick of Mr. Untermeyer and

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FENNER, BEANE & UNGERLEIDER
60 BRAVER STREET
NEW YORK

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his self advertisement before long. I understand that he has agreed to write Mr. La Guardia's platform. So much for Mr. Untermeyer.

I thought you might be interested in my reaction to the situation.

Affectionately yours,

Curt.

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CURTIS B. DALL

FENNER, BRANE & UNGERLEIDER
60 BEAVER STREET
NEW YORK

October 11th, 1933.

Dear Pa: -

I am enclosing herewith check to your order for \$125.00 - interest for the month of September, 1933, and also a 10-year non-interest bearing note for \$3,375.00. This represents the back interest on your loan to me, figured at 3% for the period from my last payment, viz, February 1st, 1931, to May 1st, 1933.

I showed your letter of August 4th to Cousin Henry. He is satisfied entirely with this programme but said that he did not wish a note, as he outlined his ideas on this entire matter in a letter written to me in long hand, which I will show you the next time I see you. This I hope will be in the next two or three weeks.

With warmest regards,

Affectionately yours,

Curt

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

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Pick up

October 18, 1933.

Dear Doc:

I inclose note from Curt for \$2075 representing back interest due on my loan to him.

You will note he says that Henry Parish is satisfied with the program I spoke to you about the other day.

Have you got Curt's original note to me or have I got it in my files? If the latter, send the note back to me, but if you have the original keep this with it.

Very sincerely yours,

D. Basil O'Connor, Esq.,
180 Broadway,
New York City.

FOR MD

JOHN C. FARBER
ARNOLD T. KOCH
WILLIAM F. SNYDER
ALBERT E. HADLOCK, JR.
KENNETH HOFFMAN
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BASIL O'CONNOR
COUNSELOR AT LAW
120 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

6207
October 24th, 1933.

Sall
Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
White House,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

I have your letter of the 15th enclosing
Curt's note in the sum of \$3,375.

When the seat was originally purchased
no notes were given to either you or Mr. Parish.
They would have been a violation of the rules of
the New York Stock Exchange. However, subordination
agreements were filed by Curt with the Stock Exchange
evidencing his liability to you and to Mr. Parish.
We have copies of those here. I am therefore retain-
ing the note here, attaching it to the subordination
agreement in your favor.

Faithfully yours,

October 12, 1938.

Dear Curt:

Many thanks for the check, also the note.

Things here are "popping", especially in view of the German action.

I hope you will get down soon.,

Affectionately yours,

Curtis B. Ball, Esq.,
c/o Fanner, Deane & Ungewickler,
62 Beaver Street,
New York City.

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CURTIS B. DALL

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FENNER, BEANE & UNDERHILLER
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NEW YORK
67 Broad St.

October 26th, 1933.

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

Dear Pa: -

I enjoyed very much indeed seeing you
yesterday and hope that you have by now entirely re-
covered from your cold.

Enclosed is a memorandum from my
partner, Alph Beane. Mr. Philippe is a very able
man and should you desire to have a little chat with
him, I would be very happy to arrange it at your con-
venience.

Affectionately yours,

Curt.

CBD V
Enc.

A COMPLETE BROKERAGE SERVICE IN THE WORLD'S MARKETS

FENNER, BEANE & UNGERLEIDER

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60 BEAVER ST.

NEW ORLEANS
818 GRAVIER ST.

MEMBERS
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NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE
CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE
NEW YORK PRODUCE EXCHANGE
RUBBER EXCHANGE OF NEW YORK
NEW YORK COFFEE & SUGAR EXCHANGE
NATIONAL RAW SILK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK

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LOUISIANA SUGAR & RICE EXCHANGE
NEW ORLEANS BOARD OF TRADE
LIVERPOOL COTTON ASSOCIATION
MEMPHIS MERCHANTS EXCHANGE
WINNIPEG GRAIN EXCHANGE
NEW YORK CURS EXCHANGE

October 26, 1935.

Mr. C. B. Dall,
OFFICE.

Dear Curt:

Mr. Raymond Philippe - a former partner of Messrs. Lazard Freres, stationed in Paris - is a good friend of ours. Mr. Philippe has sailed for this country yesterday on the Ile de France, to make a first-hand investigation of conditions here.

It occurs to me that the President might like an interview with him, for he is regarded as one of the most able men in the financial life of the Continent.

In this connection, it is significant to note that when France embarked upon her historic policy in 1926, which resulted in the stabilization of her currency and her return to gold, Mr. Philippe carried out the operations for President Poincare. He is, therefore, in a position to give first-hand and intimate information to the President on this most complex subject.

A. C. Beane

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CURTIS B. DALL

FENNER, BRANE & UNGERLEIDEN
67 BROAD STREET
NEW YORK

Nov. 9th, 1933.

Dear Pa: -

I enclose herewith check to your order for \$125., representing interest for the month of October.

Mr. Philippe, from Paris, about whom I wrote you on October 26th, was suddenly called home to Paris to consult with the Bank of France, and therefore I will be unable to bring him to Washington in case you cared to meet him.

I hope to get down to Washington in about three weeks to see the "kids", and I look forward to seeing you then.

Affectionately yours,

Curt.

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

CBD V
Enclosure (Check)

November 17, 1933.

Gentlemen:

Will you be good enough to credit
the President's account with the inclosed
check in the amount of \$125.00.

Very truly yours,

M. A. LE HAND
PRIVATE SECRETARY

City Bank Farmers Trust Company,
22 William Street,
New York City.

Inc. (Check dated Nov. 9th, 1933 payable to the
President, signed by Curtis B. Dall)

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Check dated Nov. 9, 1933
payable to the President,
signed by Mr. Dall.

November 13, 1933.

Dear Curt:

Many thanks for your check. I
I hope to get off to Warm Springs the
end of this week, and look forward to
seeing you just about the time we get
back, around December 4th.

Affectionately yours,

Curtis B. Dall, Esq.,
67 Broad Street,
New York City.

November 11, 1933.

Gentlemen:

Will you be good enough to
credit the President's account with the
inclosed checks in the amount of \$250.00.

Very truly yours,

M. A. LE HAND
PRIVATE SECRETARY

City Bank Farmers Trust Company,
22 William Street,
New York City.

Incs. (2) (Two checks dated September 19, 1933 and
October 11, 1933, payable to the
President, signed by Curtis B. Dall --
each for \$125.00)

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CURTIS B. DALL

FENNER, BRANE & UNGERLEIDER
67 BROAD STREET
NEW YORK

December 5th, 1935.

Dear Pa: -

I am enclosing herewith check to your order for \$125., representing interest due you up to December 1st.

I hope to get down to Washington some day early next week to see you and the children.

It would give me much pleasure to have my senior partner, Alpheus Beane, meet you at the White House, informally, with me for luncheon sometime. He is from Georgia and a very able man and has been an outspoken and hearty endorser of you and your policies here. I am sure you would enjoy meeting him. If you regard this thought favorably, perhaps Anna would be good enough to get in touch with me and suggest a day suitable to you.

Affectionately yours,

Curt

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

CBD V
Enc. (Check)

December 12, 1933.

Gentlemen:

Will you be good enough to
credit the President's account with
the inclosed check in the amount
of \$125.00.

Very truly yours,

M. A. LE HAND
PRIVATE SECRETARY

City Bank Farmers Trust Co.,
22 William Street,
New York City.

Inc. (Check dated December 5, 1933, payable to
the President, signed by Curtis B. Dall)

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December 12, 1933.

Dear Curt:

Many thanks for the December
first check. I do hope you will
get down soon. Also, I should
love to see Mr. Beane.

Affectionately yours,

Curtis B. Dall, Esq.,
67 Broad Street,
New York City.

CURTIS B. DALL

FENNER & BEANE
67 BROAD STREET
NEW YORK

PERSONAL.

June 18th, 1934.

Miss Marguerite Le Hand,
Secretary to President Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Missy: -

In the April 23rd issue of the magazine Time, there appeared a libelous article about my having committed suicide in the White House. This was published when I was traveling in the South. In the opinion of a well known lawyer in Memphis, which I have just received, the article is clearly libelous, and, to be brief, it has irked me no little and upset a good many of my friends. I have about made up my mind to follow advice of counsel and sue them. Before so doing, I would like to have you ask the President - not to have his permission to sue but whether he has any personal objection to my so doing. The matter is clearly one of my own entire responsibility but, naturally, I would do nothing of this nature if he should raise any objection. Will you convey to him my kindest regards and communicate with me about this at your earliest convenience.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Curt.

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Hyde Park
June 24, 1934.

Dear Curt:

Your letter to Missy came after she had gone. In regard to your question, I have no "personal objection" to the suit. I do not wonder that you see red. That was a rotten article. My only question is whether a suit would succeed and at the same time not subject you to publicity which might hurt your business. That, of course, is for you to decide after talking with the lawyers.

I hope you get off on Saturday. Take care of yourself. I hope to see you after I get back in August.

Affectionately yours,

Curtis B. Dall, Esq.,
67 Broad Street,
New York City,
New York.

— P.J. *Curtis Darr*
May 31, 1935.

Dear Doc:-

I have received the check from Curtis B. Dall for \$416.67 which you sent me, stating that it represents one-sixth of the \$2,500 which he received from Fenner & Beane in final disposition of his Stock Exchange seat. I have not had any detailed explanation from Curtis in regard to this.

What exactly is the status of his debt to Mr. Parish and to me, and why do I get any share of the proceeds of the seat ahead of full payment to Mr. Parish?

Also, has anything been done in regard to an evidence of indebtedness from him to me to cover the balance? This seems to be an important matter in relation to income tax return.

Could I bother you to let me have it in simple language so that a mere Government official could understand!

As ever yours,

BASIL O'CONNOR
JOHN C. FARBER
ARNOLD T. KOCH
WILLIAM F. SNYDER
ALBERT E. HADLOCK, JR.
KENNETH HOFFMAN
MAURICE MOUND
EARLE R. ROOFS

O'CONNOR & FARBER
COUNSELORS AT LAW
120 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

May 20th, 1935.

My dear Mr. President:

At the request of Mr. Curtis B. Dall, I enclose herewith check for \$418.67, which represents 1/6th of the \$2,500 which he received from Fenner & Beane in the final disposition of his Stock Exchange seat. I understand that Mr. Dall has had correspondence with you about this matter, explaining the details to you.

Faithfully yours,

Basil O'Connor

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

June 4, 1935.

City Bank Farmers Trust Company,
22 William Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Will you be good enough to
deposit the enclosed check in the
President's account?

Very truly yours,

M. A. Le Hand
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Check made out to the President in the amount of
\$416.67, drawn on the Chemical Bank & Trust Co.
and signed by CURTIS B. DALL.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 3, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR MISS TULLY:

Dear Grace:

This is pretty complicated, since it refers to two different letters, both of which are included.

I know the President will want to check them both carefully before signing.

I would suggest that in his letter to Senator McKellar, which is dated a month ago, some reference be made to the delay in replying.

M. H. M.

LELAND OLDS
CHAIRMAN

FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

February 27, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR HONORABLE MARVIN H. MCINTYRE,
SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT.

① The short draft of a reply to Curtis Dall's letter, which you sent me with a covering memorandum on February 11, would be all right, but I think the somewhat longer draft which I am enclosing as my suggestion would be somewhat better to assure complete understanding by all concerned.

② I am also enclosing a suggested reply to the latest letter from Senator McKellar with reference to the Tennessee Valley Authority's construction program.

Leland Olds
Leland Olds.

Levy

TENNESSEE GAS AND TRANSMISSION COMPANY
Chattanooga, Tenn.

As of:
Room 631
Willard Hotel
Washington, D.C.

February 11, 1942

War Production Board
Attention - Power Division
Washington, D. C.

Re: Tennessee Gas and Transmission Co.
W.P.B. 5296 A

Dear Sirs:

The solemn enormity of our country's war effort prompts us to write this type of letter. Realistically, our war effort must be measured in terms of production -- production on a gigantic scale for our own armed forces and for those peoples in far lands to whom we have made our promise -- not to forget, but to help -- to help with war equipment. Such equipment, plus fighting men, will spell Victory.

Our company emphatically does not adhere to a "Business as Usual" policy and accordingly herewith submit a plan to add a real contribution to our all important volume of war production, a plan which can unqualifiedly deliver more guns, more steel, more planes, to all the fighting fronts.

Fuel.

Fuel is the backbone of all industry, therefore fuel is the backbone of our whole industrial war effort.

From the three general types of fuel, solid, liquid, and gaseous one type is generally best suited for a specific purpose where it is most efficient.

Since Pearl Harbor, it must be doubly apparent that any individual sinew of fuel, applied most efficiently, if available, is an important part of the basic fabric of our war effort.

No one should now assume that a set of ideal conditions exist which render a steady supply of raw fuels invulnerable to interruption from many causes, or curtailment from rationing, labor shortages, enemy action, or that even time proven transportation routes and systems, may not be destroyed or badly crippled by enemy action, thus reducing the volume of our production of war essentials. Ideal conditions do not exist unchallenged for peak production.

The times clearly demand the close correlation of all basic fuels and their most effective utilization to create the utmost in the volume of war production. If such a plan is not followed at once, this volume of war production will suffer, which will be of enormous aid and comfort to the enemy. Into this basic background of fuel, the Tennessee Gas and Transmission Company respectfully presents a "brass tacks" plan to supplement an individual project as set forth in the following paragraphs, which, of course, can be more fully developed elsewhere into great detail as found necessary by the several branches of this Government to whom copies of this letter is being supplied.

Markets.

The great center of our steel and other metallurgical industries is the Appalachian region of eastern Ohio and the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania area.

The center of our all important aluminum and chemical industries lies in the area of the Tennessee Valley.

The first mentioned area is today faced with an acute

shortage of vitally needed natural gas. The second important area has no natural gas service whatever!

Advantages of Natural Gas.

The substitution of other fuels for natural gas can be accomplished only at a high sacrifice in efficiency and production output. Natural gas service eliminates the extensive use of tank and hopper cars, as well as much storage and firing equipment, all of which in turn requires steel to make, skilled labor to produce and operate. "Natural gas helps produce munitions of every character from use in giant open hearth and re-heat furnaces to small torches used in making delicate instruments for our bombers". In one department alone of one steel company in 18 months enough increased monthly steel tonnage is being turned out by the use of natural gas, to build this entire pipe line. (The Carnegie, Illinois Steel Corporation's plant at Youngstown, Ohio; details can be supplied). A large aluminum company in the Tennessee Valley area has advised you by wire "Have executed contract with the Tennessee Gas and Transmission Company for substantial block of natural gas which will facilitate our production of alumina, aluminum, and sheet at Listerhill, Alabama. Natural Gas will be more efficient, economical, dependable, and safer than oil, coal, and coke on which we are dependent, and will relieve shortage tank cars and hoppers." More efficient operation of a large plant means more aluminum turned out for bombers!

Certain important phosphate and chemical industries in the Mt. Pleasant area of Tennessee, can by the use of natural gas which they strongly desire, turn out substantially increased quantities of their

raw and processed materials which are needed to develop super phosphate, metallic phosphorous, etc. By a new process dependent upon natural gas, one company there can also create a super phosphate without the use of sulphuric acid, and thereby release 1,100 lbs. of sulphuric acid for every ton of such super phosphate made. This would in turn release for other important war uses the much needed sulphuric acid without reducing the production of super phosphate in the plants of that company.

Tennessee Gas and Transmission Company Emergency Marketing Plan.

1. T. G. & Tr. Co. has acquired substantial natural gas reserves under long term contracts in southwestern Louisiana. (See full details in Federal Power Commission Docket G-230, and further historical data in Federal Power Commission Docket G-165, originally filed by this Company two years ago, April 26, 1940.) More natural gas supplies in that area are currently being offered to us, and there are substantial additional amounts of natural gas available in that general area awaiting productive use in place of waste.

2. T. G. & Tr. Co. has appeared before the Federal and State Regulatory bodies most extensively and has been declared sound and needed (See also Tennessee Railroad and Public Utilities Commission Docket 2506, September 11, 1941).

3. T. G. & Tr. Co. hereby proposes to serve the critical and important Ohio, Pittsburgh, Kentucky, and Tennessee Valley markets by bringing its natural gas to a suitable point near Nashville, Tennessee, and then allocate the entire amount of that natural gas so transported, by cooperating fully during the war emergency with the nearby existing natural gas pipeline companies in any manner or plan suggested to us

by the Federal Government.

4. T. G. & Tr. Co. has the shortest route to these markets, and therefore requires the absolute minimum amount of materials for its pipeline.

5. T. G. & Tr. Co. can in approximately six months from the date of receipt of priorities, deliver in middle Tennessee 155,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas daily, without any compression whatsoever; with partial compression, 210,000,000 cubic feet daily; with full compression 300,000,000 cubic feet daily. (Full details supplied)

6. T. G. & Tr. Co. calls attention to the following important collateral advantages and conservation factors not contained in certain other projects. (Full details supplied):

A. Our natural gas supply does not drain the natural gas reserve already allocated to pipelines now serving other areas.

B. Our plan prevents the great waste in Louisiana of natural gas in volume, daily being blown to the air, or flared.

C. Our natural gas supply comes from new high pressure distillate fields putting into our line natural gas at 800 lbs. intake pressure with no compression.

D. In the process of supplying to us high pressure dry natural gas, basic chemicals are released which can be readily used in the production of artificial rubber and blending agents in quantity (approximately 100,000,000 gallons annually) developed and made available to those whose business it is to produce all the high grade aviation fuel possible at this time.

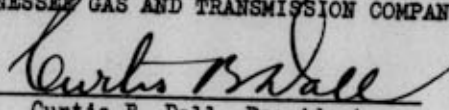
Conclusion.

T. G. & Tr. Co. pledges the fullest possible cooperation with all the other neighboring pipeline companies, and does not in any way covet their markets. This company pledges its fullest cooperation to the other pipe line companies, the several States involved and to the Federal Government so as to add enormously to the volume of war materials to be turned out in these important areas in the shortest space of time with a minimum of required materials. Lets go forward.

Respectfully submitted,

TENNESSEE GAS AND TRANSMISSION COMPANY

By:


Curtis B. Dall, President

February 11, 1942

Copies to: W. P. B. - Power Branch
War Department
Navy Department
O. P. C.
R. F. C.
National Resources Planning Board
Federal Power Commission
Interstate Commerce Commission
Department of Agriculture

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Dall:

This will acknowledge your letter of January 31 in regard to the proposed natural gas pipeline project of the Tennessee Gas and Transmission Company.

Since your original hearing before the Federal Power Commission the Natural Gas Act has been amended so as to require your company to obtain a certificate of convenience and necessity from that agency before undertaking construction. I am informed that you have already applied for such a certificate and that the Commission is expediting consideration of the matter.

I am also informed that the entire problem of assuring adequate supplies of natural gas for the tremendous expansion of war production, in both Tennessee and in the Pennsylvania-Ohio area, is being carefully investigated by the War Production Board and the Federal Power Commission. In view of the tremendous demands for materials in the present emergency, this study must cover not only the relative merits of proposals to construct additional pipelines but also ways and means of improving the utilization of existing facilities and of curtailing non-essential uses of natural gas.

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Tennessee Gas and Transmission Company,
401-2 Chattanooga Bank Building,
Chattanooga, Tennessee.

COPY FOR FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION

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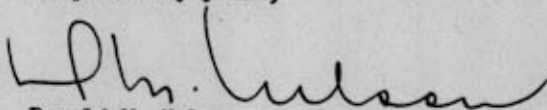
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February 7, 1942

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The President

The White House

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February 7, 1942

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401-2 Chattanooga Bank Building
Chattanooga, Tennessee

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I am sending a copy of your letter to Mr. Donald M. Nelson, Chairman, War Production Board, and am asking him to consider your request. You will undoubtedly hear from Mr. Nelson in this connection in the near future.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

TENNESSEE GAS & TRANSMISSION COMPANY

(INCORPORATED)

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TELEPHONE 6-7139

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

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NASHVILLE, TENN.

January 31, 1942

NEW YORK OFFICE

70 WALL STREET

NEW YORK, N.Y.

As of
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Very sincerely yours,

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Subject
"This project is being given careful consideration by the Power Branch of the War Production Board. As you know, the requirements for steel for the greatly expanded war program are tremendous, and allocations of steel plate to projects which are not absolutely essential to war purposes cannot be made. I am informed that preliminary analysis of the Tennessee Gas and Transmission Company's proposed pipeline has been completed but that the information which has been submitted does not support the conclusion that immediate construction of this project is essential for war production."

This has been pointed out to Mr. Dall and he has been told that we would be glad to consider any further showing he may care to make with reference to the war industries to be served by this line and the increase in production which such service would make possible. I suggest that, if the construction of this line will result in an increase in production for war purposes, Mr. Dall should submit further facts along this line to the War Production Board."

Mr. Nelson assures me that this application is being studied carefully to determine whether any increase in war production would result from the construction of this project and whether such increase in production would offset the large amounts of steel and other materials required in its construction.

Sincerely,

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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February 3, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR HON. LELAND OLDS and
HON. DONALD NELSON

Will you be good enough to
prepare reply to the enclosed letter
from Curtis B. Dall?

GRACE G. TULLY

Original letter from Mr. Curtis B. Dall,
Room 631, Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C.
1/31/42 to the President, sent to Mr. Olds;
Copy to Mr. Donald Nelson;
Copy of letter retained for our files.

TENNESSEE GAS & TRANSMISSION COMPANY
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CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

January 31, 1942

BRANCH OFFICE
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ROOM 435
NASHVILLE, TENN.

NEW YORK OFFICE
70 WALL STREET
NEW YORK, N.Y.

As of
Room 631, Willard Hotel, ✓
Washington, D. C.

Miss Grace Tully, Secretary,
c/o The Executive Offices,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Tully:

Enclosed you will find a letter which I have just written to the President in your care.

I hope it will be possible for me to see one of his staff next week on this matter, as I am disturbed at the unfair "run around" which I have received from the former O.P.M. (present W.P.B.) Power Branch, in contrast with treatment accorded to certain competing powerful interests which would like to destroy me and a much needed enterprise.

With personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Curtis B. Dale

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February 11, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR HONORABLE LELAND OLDS:

Referring to Miss Tully's memorandum of February third to you and Honorable Donald Nelson, will you please be good enough to let the President know if the suggested reply submitted by Mr. Nelson meets with your approval?

M. H. MCINTYRE
Secretary to the President

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Letter from Hon. Donald M. Nelson, 2/7/42, to the President, enclosing draft of letter for the President's signature, in reply to letter which the President received from Mr. Curtis B. Dall, Tennessee Gas and Transmission Company, Chattanooga, Tenn., dated 1/31/42, regarding the proposed natural gas pipeline project of the Tennessee Gas and Transmission Company. Attached are copies of letter of 1/31/42 from Mr. Dall, and another draft of letter for President's signature to Mr. Dall, on which is notation "2/7/41 - Not sent out".

February 7, 1942

My dear Mr. President:

In accordance with the request of your office,
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Respectfully yours,

Donald M. Nelson

The President

The White House

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WASHINGTON

February 3, 1942. ^{X 711}

MEMORANDUM FOR HON. LELAND OLDS and
HON. DONALD NELSON ✓

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Grace G. Tully

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THE WILLARD HOTEL

WASHINGTON, D. C. .

March 9th, 1942.
Room 631. ✓

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

Dear Miss Tully,

Enclosed is a sealed personal letter to the President which was typed in confidence by a close friend. It is quite serious, and may I ask you to advise me at the above address when he has received it so I will know this particular letter reached him.

Thanking you, I am, with personal regards
Sincerely yours,

Arthur B. Dall



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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March 2, 1942.

MEMO FOR GRACE:

Mr. Curtis Dall came over to see me (when I told him you were not here at the moment) and left the attached papers to be shown to the President. He said this matter will be coming up either tomorrow or the next day and he asked that it be brought to the President's attention.

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THE WILLARD HOTEL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Room 631.

March 2nd, 1942.

The Executive Offices
The White House
Washington, D.C.

My dear Miss Brady,

Herewith are copies of three
letters which I would like to have added to the
file in the matter concerning which I wrote to
Miss Grace Tully under date of Jan. 31, 1942.
Thanking you I am,

Very sincerely,

Curtis B. Dall.



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In reply, address
Room 651, ✓
Willard Hotel,
Washington, D.C.

February 28th 1942.

War Production Board,
Attention - Power Division, J. A. Krug,
Washington, D.C.

Re: Tennessee Gas and Transmission Co.
W.P.B. 5296A

Dear Sirs:

This will acknowledge your valued letter of February 20th in reply to our company's letter to the War Production Board, Power Division, dated February 11th 1942.

We thoroughly agree with you that any project requiring any materials needed for war purposes should in return be able to make a contribution towards the war program in such an important manner so as to justify its immediate development. We believe our project will do just that, and we base our belief upon two years work spent upon this project.

May we respectfully call your attention again to a paragraph on page 4 of our letter to the War Production Board of February 11th, "Tennessee Gas & Transmission Company hereby proposes to serve the critical and important Ohio, Pittsburgh, Kentucky, and Tennessee Valley markets by bringing its natural gas to a suitable point near Nashville, Tennessee, and then allocate the entire amount of that natural gas so transported, by cooperating fully during the war emergency with the nearby existing natural gas pipeline companies in any manner or plan suggested to us by the Federal Government." and on page 6 "Tennessee Gas & Transmission Company pledges the fullest possible cooperation with all the other neighboring pipeline companies, and does not in any way covet their markets." and in our application now before the Federal Power Commission, Docket G-230, page 10, "Applicant hereby declares its willingness to develop or modify its pipe line system and to cooperate with other natural gas pipeline companies in such manner as will most nearly comply with the requirements of national defense and the nation's war efforts. Only by such cooperation may the utmost economy in the use of critical materials, such as steel pipe, be effected, in the general public interest."

Our project, starting from high pressure wells already drilled, can most effectively serve the aluminum and chemical industries of Tennessee and help to alleviate the natural gas shortage for war industries in Kentucky, Ohio and Pittsburgh areas. It is well known that an acute natural gas shortage will exist in those areas next winter, a real threat to our war production, the "utmost production without interruption" that the President mentioned last week in his national broadcast.

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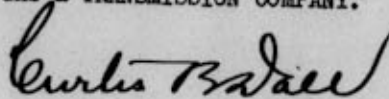
✓ So far as we know no other similar project has publicly in writing stated its willingness to push the war effort as the Federal Government may decide best fits the emergency.

It is therefore our hope that our company will shortly receive from your Board the necessary priorities so as to proceed.

Very sincerely yours,

TENNESSEE GAS & TRANSMISSION COMPANY.

BY:



President.

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Copies to: War Department,
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE AIR CORPS
WASHINGTON

FEB 21 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR - War Production Board,
Natural Gas & Power Division

SUBJECT - Natural gas pipe lines.

1. This office is interested in the proposed plan to pipe natural gas from certain Southern Louisiana fields by the Tennessee Gas & Transmission Co. to Tennessee Valley areas where vital defense industries are located in which this office is interested. This includes aluminum plants. It is believed that your office is already familiar with this project and have certain data in your files which the Tennessee Gas & Transmission Co. have submitted. A cursory examination reveals that natural gas is both an efficient and dependable fuel for certain processes in the manufacture of aluminum and does facilitate and increase its production. This office has been advised that natural gas is considered the preferential fuel in producing aluminum from bauxite and that gas is essential for heating and rolling aluminum ingots into sheets. The aluminum companies are particularly interested in obtaining natural gas for this purpose.

2. The transportation of natural gas is less susceptible to interruption from strikes, breakdowns, bombings or sabotage than substitute fuels. It is understood that the utilization of natural gas from the high pressure wells in the fields which serve this market will release annually a very high percentage of high grade condensates needed in the manufacture of 100 various specialties. Your office is familiar with the present aircraft program and the need for increased production of aluminum and aviation fuels. It is recommended, therefore, that this project be considered immediately, and, if approved, that such steps be taken as are necessary for the expediting and delivery of equipment to complete the project at a sufficiently early date to fit in with the entire program.

For the Chief of the Air Corps

W. H. Arnold

Colonel, Air Corps,
Asst. to Chief, Mat. Div.



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THE WILLARD HOTEL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Room 631.
March 16th 1942.

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you very much indeed
for your fine letter of March eleventh.

With kindest personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Curt.



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March 11, 1942.

Dear Curtis:-

I cannot possibly understand the quotation you send me in regard to "certain important governmental department executives" who are said to be hesitant in regard to any government action because you happen to be my former son-in-law.

Frankly, my first thought is that somebody is giving you or your friends a run-around. All I can tell you is that such action on their part, if true, is wholly unwarranted, and that you fall into exactly the same rule which I have always insisted be lived up to. The rule is that every proposition is to be judged solely and absolutely on the merits of the proposition and that personalities, whether of connections of the family, acquaintances or total strangers, be treated exactly alike.

I have no objection to your showing this letter to any of the people who are supposed to have put forward any other rule. If you have a good proposition I hope that it will be decided solely on the merits and, if it measures up, that it will be accepted.

I hope to see you one of these days soon.

Always sincerely,

Curtis B. Dall, Esq.,
Room 631 - Willard Hotel,
Washington, D. C.



THE WILLARD HOTEL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Room 631✓
March 9, 1942

Dear Mr. President:

A letter has just been handed me from an extremely reliable source that I feel forced to get in touch with you about at once. Its author could be made available and it is bona fide. I quote in full its three main paragraphs:

"I have confidential advice from an unimpeachable source that certain important governmental department executives are hesitant about taking a position on our project because you happen to be the former son-in-law of President Roosevelt and they are uncertain as to his personal feeling towards you and do not wish to incur his possible displeasure.

"Possibly these doubts and uncertainties are being deliberately fostered and encouraged by the same powerful forces that have consistently opposed us in every way the past two years. They would not hesitate to crucify you in order to destroy our project.

"Frankly, Curtis, this being a matter involving your personal relationships, we would not presume to suggest how it may be cleared but must trust your good judgment in knowing how best to meet the situation. We cannot afford to let down the host of Tennessee friends who have so loyally supported our project, and it is hoped that this matter can be quickly clarified so that our project can be considered solely on merit."

I am "on the spot" and others are thus directly affected as well.



For nine years now I have brushed aside as quite unworthy the reflected feeling towards me, expressed directly and indirectly by many of those who have differed with your political views or who have registered a dislike for you personally, and I have likewise ignored the polite cold shoulder of many officials in our political party whose teeth have chattered lest from even talking with me they might acquire some occult form of political leprosy.

Today this situation must be met squarely by me with utter frankness and hope of action.

Several in the R.F.C., W.P.B., and O.P.C., we have learned, are fearful that in passing upon the merits of our project (Tennessee Gas & Transmission Company, W.P.B. No. 5296-A) they might incur your personal displeasure if, upon merit, our project justifies their support, because I am your former son-in-law. To put it bluntly, they are afraid that there may be some "feeling" that you may have toward me. This fear on their part which is real has been subtly augmented by innuendo from quarters that seek to destroy our enterprise and particularly the type of public service that is the very cornerstone of your administration's policy. We know what that policy is and we have so moulded ours from the beginning so as to represent just that because we believe in it. We have taken it on the chin from large monopolistic types of business for two years and have survived. We furthermore feel we can ultimately win a fair fight here and in so doing know we can make a most substantial contribution to the nation's war effort -- our greatest war effort. Heat is the basis of all industrial output.

So it's a life-and-death matter to me. On account of the all-out type of attack on our project by large interests and on me personally, which I keenly resent, I am forced to meet it "with no holds barred."

I believe that you would not wish to see me personally penalized (and others also) for being your former son-in-law and, in the minds of some here, not entitled to a fair break on merit unless somehow your "nod" is conveyed down certain channels to them unmistakably and thus relieve them of a fear that concerning you and myself "something may exist." I believe you will be indignant at this situation.

May I brush aside the "personal record" of these nine years and merely appeal to you as the head of our government in asking for fair play. May I appeal to you to smash now, once and for all, this particular rumor factory,

grinding out this most dangerous and insidious type of poison. Should you in your judgment care to see me about this matter, I would be delighted to call at any time. I have written this mindful of the great volume of responsibility you are carrying.

With kindest personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Curt.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON *PSF*

September 7, 1943.

MEMO FOR GRACE:

Col. Dall called and is very much upset over a situation which is going to break in the Federal Power Commission regarding the Tenn. Gas & Transmission Co. (of which he is an inactive member now) and a subsidy of the Standard Oil Company, the Hope Natural Gas Co.

He is very anxious that Rep. May talk with the President on this subject.

Rep. May called himself and said that the matter is vitally important and he requests an engagement before the press conference today.

djb

*MHM
talked to Congr.
May 9/7/43 about
this*