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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with the gracious note of November 8th written at your suggestion by your secretary, General Edwin M. Watson, I am again addressing you on the matters referred to in my recent wires to you and Mrs. Roosevelt and my letter to you. I return to the problems so soon again because I honestly believe a forthright facing of them immediately by the Administration is intimately involved in the future of the progressive labor movement of our country and the possible effective leadership thereof by Phil Murray.

It is my hope that Henry Wallace has by now told you of our conversation of yesterday. He, I felt after talking with him and Jim LeCron, understood fully the immediacy and purpose behind my requests to him, and through him to you. With the Ford contract, the International Shoe contract and many others staring them in the face, what do you think Phil, R.J. Thomas of the Auto Workers, and the others who went down the line for you can do to answer the derisive taunts of John Lewis and his communist-inspired supporters referred to in the late city edition of the N.Y. Times by Louis Stark on the front page yesterday?

I have also had two considerable talks with Isador Lubin who makes astonishing and puzzling admissions to me -- admissions such as that Sydney Hillman and he have seen scarcely any of the contracts before they were signed, that they didn't know anything about the Ford contract until after it was announced and that, even now -- days after they assured Leo Goodman, Research Director of the United Shoe Workers, that the International Shoe contract had been amended to include provisions calling for strict adherence to your labor directive -- they cannot get a copy of the contract for the United Shoe Workers. What, in heaven's name, can be the function of labor representation on the Defense Commission if it isn't to carry out your labor directives. Lube admits to me that he thinks the time has come for Sydney and him to conduct an open campaign against sabotage in the Army and Navy on these problems. It is certainly no answer to say that Justice Felix Frankfurter says precisely the same thing happened during the last war.

The CIO executive board meets in Atlantic City (Chelsea Hotel) on Friday. Phil ought to have some tangible reassurances on the Ford contract and allied problems before that date if he is to do the job we all know he can do and want him to do for our country. Do you want him publicly to ask for these things before you respond?

Yours respectfully,

Gardner Jackson
Gardner Jackson.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

PSF *Gen. Cullen*
5-3-42

May 12, 1942

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

President Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House

Attention: General Edwin M. Watson

Dear Mr. President:

Under Secretary of the Navy James Forestal may have told you of his telephone conversation with me regarding the attached clipping. I sent him a typewritten copy of the clipping last week and he responded with a call.

I told him that Tom Cullen, Chairman of the Democratic County Committee of Orange County, New York, had given me the clipping and had made inquiries of me concerning it. In the course of our conversation he asked me whether anyone connected with the Administration was in particular charge of the situation in the 26th District of New York.

I raised the same question with Mr. Forestal who said that he did not know of anyone acting in such capacity and thought that it would be well to have someone given that responsibility.

In addition to frequent inquiries from Tom Cullen, I have received repeated inquiries from Jim Causey who has been instrumental in organizing a nonpartisan committee in the District. This Committee is circulating various materials at present.

In an effort to ascertain whether any definite plans had been formulated on this matter or whether any are likely to be formulated soon, I talked with Dave Niles; this note to you is the result of that talk with Dave who suggested that you would certainly be interested in seeing the clipping herewith.

Yours sincerely,

Gardner Jackson
Gardner Jackson

THE NEWBURGH NEWS

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Respectfully forwarded to the President:

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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October 8, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR

GENERAL WATSON

I do want to see Gardner
Jackson and you might ask him
to come in on Friday morning
for fifteen minutes. Will you
give the attached to me when
he comes in?

F. D. R.

*Appointment with
Gardner Jackson never
arranged - filed Jan. 5 1943*

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 2, 1942

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

The Honorable
Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

Yesterday an intimate business friend of mine told me of a long conversation he had the preceding day with Leroy Lincoln, president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. In addition to using blackguarding language about you, according to my friend, Mr. Lincoln disclosed plans he and most of the insurance industry and various segments of other industry have completed regarding Tom Dewey, as candidate for Governor of New York and as subsequent candidate for the Presidency. These plans involve the war effort intimately.

Mr. Lincoln told my friend that they had discussions with Tom Dewey and had agreed to abandon all other prospective presidential candidates, including Senator Taft and Governor John Bricker of Ohio. My friend led Mr. Lincoln out by saying to him, in effect, "Aren't you taking an awful risk with this fellow Dewey? After all, he made his reputation as a reformer district attorney and you don't want to depend upon a reformer, do you?" To which Mr. Lincoln replied, according to my friend, "Oh, don't worry about that. We've taken care of that. He's no reformer. We're satisfied about that. Why, as a matter of fact, we have got everything all set including the next insurance commissioner of New York already, and as for labor, we have an understanding with him that he'll crack down on labor to beat hell when he gets in and we've really got Roosevelt on the run now."

My friend said there was quite an extensive conversation about this labor thing, a good deal of it centering on the Union of Insurance Agents which the CIO Office and Professional Workers have tried to build up.

The most disturbing feature of the conversation to my friend was Mr. Lincoln's attitude towards the war effort and to the progress of the war in Russia and elsewhere in the world. My friend got the explicit impression that Mr. Lincoln and those with whom he has been conferring are working for a negotiated peace and will do all they can to have such a peace accepted at the earliest possible moment.

My friend said that Mr. Lincoln seemed to know all about the workings of the lobby against the parity bill conducted by Ed Babcock and all about Eric Johnston's participation therein. He described to my friend how the Chamber of Commerce has been reorganized under Eric Johnston and the insurance division of the Chamber has been increased in importance and size and placed under the chairmanship of James Madden, First Vice President of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. According to my friend that division collects between \$150,000 and \$200,000 a year from the insurance industry, most of which from now on out, my friend gathered from Mr. Lincoln, will be used to further the efforts of Mr. Lincoln and his associates.

At the same time my friend transmitted to me in confidence a copy of a letter signed by Joe Pew of the Sun Oil Company along with certain accompanying material, photostatic copies of which I have attached to this letter. Joe, according to my friend, is linked up to this general Lincoln picture.

The Hitler speech, implying fairly explicitly that the Nazis will hold what they have got and let the Allies do what they can about it, seems to strike a responsive note in the Lincoln mind and be the opening gun of the great drive to call the war off and do business one with another.

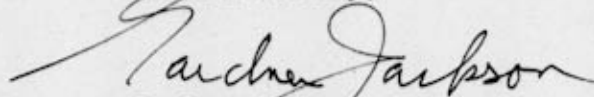
I pass this information on to you because it comes to me from a source which I have found over the last ten years to be almost infallible both in substance and in interpretation. The source has the highest regard for your objectives, though feeling that you have never throughout your Administration been tough enough with the monopoly, finance and business interests typified by Lincoln, Pew, and the views they represent. This source shares the fears of some of the responsible labor leaders that the operations shown you during your trip may in a number of instances have been dress rehearsals concealing the actual conditions in this or that plant and the actual state of mind of the corporation heads responsible for this or that plant.

I trust you are as well as we all want you to be and as well as a number of my newspaper friends telephoned me last night you

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seemed to be during your press conference.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gardner Jackson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Gardner Jackson
Special Assistant
to the Under Secretary

P.S. My immersion in the parity fight has brought to me information and opinions from key figures on the Hill and elsewhere which seem to me so important that you ought to know at least some of them. Consequently, I am endeavoring to try to get a small slice of your valuable time to recount to you what I think the meaning is and what I think it calls for from this point on.

MASS APPEALS

groups. These include:

COOPERATION WITH RELIGIOUS LEADERS



Representatives of Industry meet with the clergy, talking over their viewpoints, helping the churchmen obtain an understanding of the true function of our enterprise system, its force for material and social welfare, its relation to religious freedom, and at the same time gaining a better understanding of the clergy's problems. The 29 regional conferences in 1942 will fan out into hundreds of local conferences built on this vital concept.

RADIO . . . "SUSTAINING" PROGRAMS ON NATIONAL NETWORKS



★ "This Nation at War" — the new coast-to-coast Blue Network program which brings employer, employee, housewife, minister, and people in all walks of life to the microphone to talk straight from the shoulder to the public about their efforts for victory. A worthy successor to the Mutual Network shows which each week for more than a whole year featured Fulton Lewis, Jr., as "Your Defense Reporter," and the 1941 hit radio show, "Defense for America," both tremendous factors in building public appreciation of industry's miracles on the production battle line.

★ Services to Commentators — "Briefs for Broadcasters," an increasingly popular service featuring one-minute fillers especially designed for women commentators, spotlighting the unique and interesting phases of industry's participation in the war effort. Also regular news releases to all commentators.

★ Radio Forums — participation of industrialists in such programs as the University of Chicago Round Table, Town Hall of the Air, etc.

★ Spot Network Addresses — by industrial leaders.

COOPERATION WITH WOMEN'S GROUPS



The tremendous influence of women's organizations, an increasingly crucial factor in national affairs, is intensified by the rapidly growing participation of women in all phases of war work. The NIIC program of conferences between women leaders and businessmen, study courses, plays, radio programs, and other cooperative activity carries a fuller understanding of the enterprise system into the daily lives of America's organized women leaders.

COOPERATION WITH AGRICULTURAL GROUPS



Conferences between businessmen and farm leaders, clarifying problems and points of view and defining methods of closer cooperation with one of America's most influential minorities.

SUN OIL COMPANY

J. HOWARD PEW
PRESIDENT

PHILADELPHIA

J. N. PEW JR.
VICE PRESIDENT

August 19, 1942

Some time ago I wrote urging that you lend your support to the National Industrial Information Committee. Mr. Bennett Chapple, Assistant to President of the American Rolling Mills, told me he also intended to bring the matter again to your attention, but whether he has had the opportunity to do this or not I hope you will give consideration to my request for liberal financial assistance.

War measures inevitably emphasize Federal controls, building up executive and bureaucratic powers. It will require intelligent understanding on the part of the public to combat this trend after the war is over. The Committee's work is vitally important to this end so that when hostilities have ceased, a sympathetic public will help us return to the nation one of the essential freedoms for which we are fighting and producing - the freedom of initiative. These matters are of first concern to you and your business.

I do not know how familiar you are with the Committee's activities in the past, but a glance through the enclosed folder will give you a good idea of the extent of our work at the moment. You will agree, I am sure that these activities, which are only a few of the vast and comprehensive public information program, give authority and direction to management's leadership in the affairs of the nation. May I add that public relations experts are constantly analyzing the N.I.I.C. program, not taking for granted any part of it, but asking for reasons back of every feature, the response obtained, and its value to businessmen of the country. I can honestly say that their reports have convinced me that the program is better than ever this year, and is doing an essential job on behalf of the enterprise system.

Business leaders throughout the country recognize the necessity of preserving free enterprise as a fundamental part of the American way of life. I believe you share this conviction. Therefore, it is my sincere hope that you will want to participate with the group of business and industrial leaders who have taken the initiative in organizing an understanding of and respect for the motives of industry and management. A subscription from your company would help guarantee the continuance of what in my opinion is the most effective program of public relations of its kind ever attempted. Naturally the amount you subscribe is for your judgment, but even if present conditions permit your sending only a nominal sum, this support on your part will indicate your personal approval of the activities sponsored by our Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Howard Pew
Chairman

National Industrial Information Committee

Your Program for Public Understanding in a Nation at War

THE RELATIONSHIP between American competitive enterprise and the people is exceedingly important today, when all Americans are teamed up to win a war. The people must understand the magnitude of industry's task and its patriotism. They must know that freedom of enterprise is not only one of the basic principles that America is fighting to preserve, but that the great industrial machine, built by private enterprise, is our most powerful weapon for winning the war.

Management must be alert to the public's call for leadership — open-minded and ready to answer any questions that may be in the minds of the people.

Through the National Industrial Information Committee, both these aims are being achieved in 1942. Using every medium of public information, the N.I.I.C. each day is carrying the story of industry's war-winning efforts to 130,000,000 Americans — in a way that will answer their questions, and build free private enterprise firmly into their ideals for the post-war world. Likewise, management is being kept informed of the course and temper of public opinion so that each company's own public relations and other policies will be effectively geared to the actual problems we face in this critical time.

Here are some of the principal media used by the N.I.I.C. during the past nine years — tested and proved in effectiveness:

- 1] **RADIO** — Fulton Lewis, Jr., "PRODUCTION FOR VICTORY," broadcast weekly on the Mutual network, currently reporting to the people on the progress of war production. Also spot news releases and frequent informal talks by business men.
- 2] **MOTION PICTURES** — "AMERICAN ANNIVERSARY" — N.I.I.C.'s 1942 movie, scheduled to reach more than 8,000,000 persons in over 4,000 leading theatres. Last year's picture "DEFENSE FOR AMERICA," after establishing a new high in audiences for this type of film, will be shown in 1942 to non-theatrical groups, including schools, camps, clubs, etc. with estimated showings of 1,000 monthly.
- 3] **POSTERS AND DISPLAYS** — 300,000 plant, school and railroad station bulletin board posters, also travelling department store window displays in the best known stores of the country.
- 4] **CAR CARDS** — Over 28,000 carried in street cars and buses reaching over 12,000,000 persons in their daily travel.
- 5] **NEWSPAPERS** — Regular request services to 8,000 weeklies and every major daily paper in the country — news, health, women's features, cartoons, spot news releases and special material for editors. Also "personally conducted" inspection trips to war production plants by top-ranking news correspondents, dramatically aiding the portrayal of industry's contribution to war production.
- 6] **SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES** — Over 2,000,000 new booklets are requested by schools each year and are used by two out of every three high school students in the country. Films, bulletin board posters, commencement and assembly speakers round out the N.I.I.C.'s comprehensive program of cooperation with the nation's educational institutions. The National Education Association and other similar organizations in cooperation with the N.I.I.C. conduct a series of direct conferences between educators and business men to capitalize on educators' growing recognition of the necessity to emphasize principles as well as the facts about the American way.
- 7] **CHURCH COOPERATION** — 29 regional conferences between clergymen and business men designed to stimulate hundreds of local conferences in 1942, bringing to clergymen understanding of the necessity to continue freedom of enterprise in order to preserve other freedoms, including that of religion.
- 8] **WOMEN'S GROUPS** — Joint Home-Industry conferences, radio programs, newspaper feature columns and study courses, used last year by 598 women's groups, carrying the story of free enterprise to one of America's most important and influential groups — its women leaders.
- 9] **SPEAKERS** — Industrial executives of the N.A.M.'s Speakers Committee in 1941 addressed a daily average of 2,000 persons, dramatizing the story of America's enterprise system.

CHECKING PERFORMANCE — Constant surveying of public opinion by the Opinion Research Corporation — almost daily contact with experts on the N.A.M. Public Relations Advisory Group — and guidance from the Public Relations Committee and Board of Directors of the N.A.M. are your insurance that the National Industrial Information Committee hits its target.

National Industrial Information Committee

NINE YEARS OF BUILDING FAITH IN AMERICAN BUSINESS

SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS

Date _____ 1942

To J. HOWARD PEW, Chairman
NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL INFORMATION COMMITTEE
14 WEST 49TH STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y.

WE AGREE that the winning of the war and the preservation of freedom require that the American people have a complete understanding of the job industry is doing to win the battle of production, of the basic characteristics of the private competitive enterprise system, and of the sincere motives of American management. To the achievement of that purpose we pledge our support to the Public Information Program of the National Industrial Information Committee.

Please enter our subscription for \$ _____

☐ Check attached. ☐ Please send bill on _____ 1942

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Over 4,000 companies, large and small, in every field of business support the N.I.I.C. program with subscriptions ranging from \$25 to more than \$25,000 annually.

The Committee offers the following abbreviated schedule of average subscriptions to assist you in determining your support of this program:

COMPANIES HAVING A CAPITALIZATION OF:

\$100,000.....	\$ 25	\$1,000,000.....	\$225
200,000.....	50	2,000,000.....	375
300,000.....	75	3,000,000.....	500
400,000.....	100	4,000,000.....	650
500,000.....	125	5,000,000.....	800
\$6,000,000 and over.....		\$1,000 to more than \$25,000	

(This subscription will be devoted entirely to the purposes outlined above. None will be used to support the regular Association activities of the N.A.M.)

 Principal public relations channels used are shown on the reverse side

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

8 September 1943

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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL WATSON:

You will remember the case of Congressman Jackson, of Washington, whom the President wished inducted as an enlisted man. Jackson requested that he not be inducted until early September.

This is to let you know that Jack-
son is now in the Army and that he left Fort
Lewis, Washington, on September 6, to report
at Fort McClellan, Alabama.

gmc
McCarthy

6-17-43

Phoned Col. McCarthy --

Congr. Henry M. Jackson of Washington came in to see the President about a retirement from the House. He is a very able young fellow and the President does not want him to retire from the House. But Jackson is anxious to get some service in the Army.

The President was wondering if, after Congress convened, he could go in and get some summer training until next September and then decide what could be done.

The President wanted you to handle this matter and report to me the results. In the meanwhile will you contact Congr. Jackson and let him or his secretary know when you can see him. He will come to your office and you can find out what he wants and what can be done. The President seems to be sympathetically interested in his case.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

June 24, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL WATSON:

I have had a meeting with Congressman Jackson of Washington, who wishes if possible to enter the Army as an enlisted man, undergo basic training, be assigned to a combat unit overseas, see action, and return to Congress in February.

The President's memorandum of June 17, 1942, to the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy directed that all members of the House and Senate who were then on active duty be placed on inactive status, and that future requests from members be considered only on the basis of active duty for the duration of the war. I have heard informally that this memorandum was issued at the request of the Speaker of the House.

I recommend against giving Congressman Jackson active duty for the following reasons:

1. Between 15 and 20 members of the House and Senate have been turned down by the Secretary of War for service in any capacity, commissioned or enlisted. Among these are the following Democrats: Brooks of Louisiana, Richards of South Carolina, Nichols of Oklahoma (on three occasions), Sparkman of Alabama, Starnes of Alabama, Beckworth of Texas, Chandler of Kentucky, and Scrugham of Nevada. The Secretary of the Navy has turned down many more.

2. Numerous members of both Houses still hold Reserve commissions but are not permitted active duty, even during recess periods.

3. The general practice of having Congressmen on duty for limited periods of time has proved unsatisfactory because, upon returning to Congress, they have shown a tendency to speak without restraint on the floor, often misusing classified information and employing their observations to embarrass the War Department and the Administration. While this would not occur, I am sure, in the case of Congressman Jackson, it probably would in others.

I feel certain that you and I could explain the situation to Congressman Jackson to his satisfaction, and I recommend that, unless the President desires otherwise, we arrange to have a talk with him for this purpose.

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VICTOR S. BYRON
AMBROSE D. HENRY
HERBERT C. STRACK
EDWARD S. BYRON

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MEMBER NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

June 16, 1936

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

Dear Mr. President:

Although, I am sorry to say that my views do not coincide with some of the things the present administration are doing and although I do not altogether admire all of your advisors, I know your heart is in the right place and that you have tried your best in many ways to better the situation since you took office when the country was in such a terrible state, and I congratulate you on the many constructive and splendid things you have done.

I want you, however, to thoroughly understand that although I can not conscientiously work for you during the next few months, you naturally will have my vote.

Marian and I are going down to Philadelphia at the time of your nomination and we are also taking a party of our friends on our boat to the Harvard-Yale boat race, at which time I hope we will have the pleasure of seeing you.

Yours as ever,

Aymar Johnson

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ARMSEA HALL
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND
28th July '36

Dear Franklin,

I note by the newspaper you are cruising up the coast in Harry Tweed's schooner which, by the way, is a very comfortable boat. I have been on her several times. I hope you are having a good rest from the different cares and worries that confront you as President.

Knowing the strain of all you have to do and having just had a knock-down blow myself, I wonder if, as an old friend, I may give you a little word of warning. Although I am not in political affairs, I am pretty active and always up early doing one thing or another - whether commuting to New York from Islip, taking care of my business affairs or Marian's and the rest of my family. In other words I have not been accustomed to giving myself a rest.

The middle of May I moved the family up here and after getting everything going, went back to New York, coming up only week-ends. All this activity resulted in an accumulation of tiredness as I did not really relax. Foolishly I did not go to a doctor and get overhauled. As a result, last Monday I had a nice little heart attack called

coronary thrombosis. They tell me I will be as well as ever afterwards if I take things easily. At present I am flat on my back and will have to remain in bed a good eight weeks.

I am sending this letter, first to give you a little personal advice as I hope you will never have to go through the same thing. Secondly, if you ever want to get away from the world in general and just relax in bed for a week or more without anyone knowing it, all you have to do is to come up here to us at Newport any time after September first, when the crowds have gone. We are going to remain here this year until after election. Our place is situated on the Bay near the point, and you could have the best rest of your life, if you should want one.

Marian, I am glad to say, got her health back this Spring in Boston, through Loring Swain, my old classmate whom you may remember being on the crew. He's a wonderful fellow.

I hope you don't mind my sending you these few lines. We often forget that after the age of fifty we cannot go as hard as formerly! Although I know you are getting a change of scenery on the yachting trip, I also know it is a pretty strenuous job on a boat of that type as I have done so much of

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it myself.

With best regards to you and
Eleanor,

Yours as ever,

Clyman.

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ARMSEA HALL
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

28th July ' 36

Dear Franklin,

I can't stop Aymar's writing you, although I know you are too busy to read letters! However, his recent experience has made him anxious about you in the superhuman job you are shouldering.

Forgive this very informal little note. Amid these strenuous days, when such colossal demands are being made on you both, I want you and Eleanor to know that some of your friends appreciate all that you are giving so unsparingly of yourselves for us all, and that you have our affection and loyalty.

We hope you have got some rest recently and pray for your strength in the days to come.

These are extraordinary times and I understand some big world event is prophesied for September 16th!

Please do not bother to answer these notes, but let us know if we can ever

be of help in any way.

With my love to you both, and

Yours truly —

Your affectionate cousin,

Maria Johnson

PERSONAL

February 27, 1936.

Dear Aymar:-

Many thanks for that nice note of yours. How interesting and delightful it would be if the Montacool Oil Company should, after fifteen years, really strike oil. By that time you and I will certainly need the money!

My best to you and Marian.

As ever,

Aymar Johnson, Esq.,
30 Broad Street,
New York, N. Y.

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MEMBER NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

February 25, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. President:

Some years ago, if you remember, you purchased through my advice some Montacol Oil Co. stock. A few days ago I wrote to Mr. Baker who is connected with that Company, and asked him if the stock was still worth anything, for, if you remember, that they made several test holes but did not strike oil, and unfortunately ran out of money. He kept writing me, however, that he still was absolutely confident that oil would be found on their property at a deeper depth. I got the following letter from him yesterday. It will speak for itself.

"The Montacol Co. is still very much alive and we are hopeful that within the next couple of years there will be sufficient demand for additional oil reserves to warrant the drilling of a deep test well on the Baxter Basin fold. The leases are in good standing. Several gas wells have been drilled under the deal we made with the Wyoming California Petroleum Corp. However, we can not expect any income from these wells until the cost has been refunded from gas sales. The gas sales are limited and therefore we can not hope for any appreciable returns to the Montacol Co. unless oil is discovered.

Finding oil in California is becoming extremely difficult, and it appears likely that California refineries will find it necessary to draw on other states for their crude supply within the next couple of years. As soon as this condition comes about, there will be a very marked increase in wild-cattling in the Rocky Mountain area, as this district and the West Texas fields are the most likely source of supply for California refineries. It looks to me as though the possibilities are as promising as at the time we made our investment back in 1920 - 1923."

I thought the above would interest you, and I still feel that with a little more patience he is right, and that eventually we will strike oil in this section, for I have been out there and seen it literally seeping out of the earth within sixty miles to the north.

I note by the papers that you went up to Cambridge for the Fly dinner. I am sorry to say that this year I was unable to go there for our club dinner.

Hoping this finds you as well as ever and that all the mountainous problems which you have daily are not too much for you, I am

Yours as ever,

Clyman.

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AYMAR JOHNSON
625 PARK AVENUE

(*PSF*
Gen Carver
"J")
3d April ' 37

My dear Mr. President,

I received your letter of April 1st which was marked confidential and which I can assure you has been considered absolutely confidential by me. I have done a great deal of thinking about the matter to which you refer and, therefore, have not sent an answer until today.

In the first place, as far as your not having attended a meeting since 1928 is concerned, I do not think that that is very important owing to the fact that you have been Governor and since then President. Although I admire your honest feeling in the matter, the mere fact of having your name on the Board of Trustees whether you are able to attend the meetings or not, is a great help in inspiring people with interest in the Church, which has been sadly lacking.

As to the second reason why you think you should resign, I have always had a feeling that every bishop and preacher should refrain from mentioning politics or expressing personal opinions in rendering a sermon from the pulpit. I feel the pulpit is a place from which the Gospel alone should be preached.

But I can absolutely assure you that since the day I have been acting as secretary — and I rarely miss

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AYMAR JOHNSON
222 PARK AVENUE

a meeting — I have never heard a thought of any kind expressed in either the anteroom where we assemble or at the meetings themselves, by any of the Board, to the effect that someone else would be preferred in your place.

There is going to be a very large and impressive gathering at the Cathedral when they finally decide to open the Nave. Actually I cannot tell you when this will take place although there is a possibility of it occurring this spring and, of course, I feel that your presence would add to its cause.

For almost two thousand years, leaders of the times have been misunderstood by the religious authorities of their day. But surely the larger issue is the fact that in this day of much dangerous division, and in order to further the spiritual and moral awakening you have yourself stressed the need for, the Christian Church, more than ever before, and regardless of party, prejudice, or personal feelings, needs to present a united front. I cannot help but feel that any step such as this, would be publicly detrimental, first to the Cathedral and its completion, but above all to the endeavour at Christian co-operation, in which you yourself have given us so fine a lead.

You have asked for a thoroughly confidential reply to your letter and I am giving it to the best of my ability, hoping you will consider mine as such as I have taken yours to be.

Yours as ever,

*P.S. I am still in business
but only go to the
office three times a week*

Aymar Johnson

CONFIDENTIAL

April 1, 1937.

My dear Aymar:-

Many thanks for the clipping. Take care of yourself and have a complete rest in Bermuda. I do hope to see you both when you get back.

May I ask you confidentially about a matter which has been on my mind for sometime? I have been a Trustee of the Cathedral for about a quarter of a century - in fact, I think my length of service has been exceeded by only one or two others on the Board. As you know, I have not been to a meeting since 1928, before I went to Albany. From the point of view of usefulness, therefore, I have no right to continue to serve.

There is, however, another reason which strengthens the thought that I should resign. It is hardly right for me to remain as a Trustee when I feel so little sympathy with many of the words and actions of the Bishop. Frankly, many of these words and actions are, from my point of view, unchristian.

Write me confidentially your thought on the matter. I am inclined to

think that many members of the Board would,
perhaps correctly, prefer someone else in
my place.

As ever yours,

Aymar Johnson, Esq.,
30 Broad Street,
New York City,
New York.

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March 25, 1937.

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

Dear Mr. President:

With ~~nothing~~ everything that is going on these days, I thought it might amuse you to see an article written March 15 to the editor of a very large European paper. This article was written by Bradish Johnson, Jr. who worked for a long time for the N.R.A. and then went abroad to write for papers, etc.

Marian and I are leaving for Bermuda about April 17 and remaining there until about the middle of June. From there we are going to open up the house at Newport for the summer. If you should come up that way to see the boat races, do drop in and have a cup of tea with us. Our place is the second house on the right as you come in the harbor. It is a large old fashioned house with columns and a green copper roof. You will probably see Marian semphoring to you as she does it very well.

Hoping this finds you in the best of health, I am

Yours as ever,

Alvina

AJ:c

P.S. The house has been in Marian's family about twenty years.

[Handwritten notes and signatures in the bottom right corner, including "AJ:c" and "P.S. The house has been in Marian's family about twenty years."]

Anti-Roosevelt Nonsense

Paris, March 13.

To the Editor, European Edition:—

All of this absolute tripe and nonsense with which all these disgruntled so-called patriots have been "packing" the Mailbag makes me sick and tired. They are all hopping mad because they can't get everything their own way in the United States. Thank the Lord they can't because it is just the type of person who is raising all the hullabaloo these days against the finest President we have ever had that got us into the mess in which we found ourselves in 1929.

Ah! 1929! That magical date! Those wonderful figures! It seems to me that I remember the days when Herbert Hoover was President. Those last days of his tenure of office when every time he opened his mouth the stock market dropped a half a dozen points. At that time the boys were crying out for someone, for anyone to be elected in place of "dear old Herbert."

And then what happened? Roosevelt was elected, just as you, or you, or you, who are all gnashing your teeth now, would have been elected if you had been running instead of Roosevelt. He snapped people out of the dumps into which they fell during those marvelous times under the leadership of Herbert.

When Roosevelt saved the banks by action instead of just sitting, they praised him. When he did a lot of other things, they praised him. When he did still more, the nation re-elected him by the most overwhelming majority ever known in the history of the United States.

Now what? Because he finds that conditions since he spoke before have changed, and he wants to do things to take care of these conditions, there is a terrific howl from the discontented wolves, who are in a minuscule minority.

Thank the Lord for a President who is not afraid to change his mind when changing his mind is going to be the best thing for the country.

A MODERN PATRIOT.

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Sen. Carr
J*

26
SOCATEAN LEDGES
SOMERSET
BERMUDA

Bowdley
Pembroke *2*

1st Feb. '38

Dear Mr. President,

Bradish has just written me
a long letter telling me about the way
Ambassador Bullitt acted at the time
of his son, Bradish G. Johnson's funeral
in Paris about a week ago, and I
thoroughly agree with him that his
actions were absolutely undignified
and discourteous.

Yours as ever

Raymond Johnson



GIDEON PUTNAM HOTEL



THE HALL OF SPRINGS

THE GIDEON PUTNAM

SARATOGA SPA

Saratoga Springs

NEW YORK

P.S.F.
Gen. Canis.
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ROBERT I. SCOVILLE, MANAGER

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Dear Mr. President:

As my stay here has nearly terminated as I am leaving next Wednesday which will have been three weeks, I thought I would write you a line to tell you something about this place and the good that it has done me, for I know what interest you have taken in it - in fact, as I understand it, it was through your efforts while governor that the springs here were made possible.

I feel one hundred percent better than when I arrived. I was much too over-weight, weighing 188, and I am now 180, although I intend to take off at least five more pounds after leaving here by continuing the diet that I have been on.

The bath house is magnificent in every way, and run beautifully. I do not put the full credit to the waters alone, although I feel that they have a great deal to do with the cure. You are allowed to stay in the baths ten minutes, with the water bubbling all the time, and it literally turns your skin red which shows the re-action that must be taking place.

The diet is a very sane, sensible one with much variety, cutting out sweets, heavy sauces, starch, sugar, thick soups and desserts, but you never feel hungry from the way they have worked it out. You also take just so much light exercise in the morning and afternoon.

I have Dr. Comstock, who is a very sane, sensible man, as well as being a delightful person, who says he has had the pleasure of meeting you.

This hotel, The Gideon Putnam, is expensive, but beautifully run. Also the Roosevelt Baths are the most expensive; but, as you know, the Washington Baths and the Lincoln Baths are less expensive, and there are many cheap rooming houses and hotels in town where the people with less means can come and enjoy the waters.



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I have met many people in the hotel who have been to Baden Baden, Nauheim and other European cures, and they say that this is, if anything, far better than those abroad; so you see the good you have done for thousands of people.

The recent hurricane and tidal wave which swept Long Island and the New England coast has been a terrible catastrophe, and I hate to think of the thousands of homeless people and the lives that have been lost in this recent event.

It looks to me from what I hear over the radio today as though there is going to be a European war as it seems impossible to satisfy Hitler. If it should take place you may possibly find Marion and myself in Washington this winter, as I feel we will become more war minded if that occasion occurs, and if we do I have already been asked to work in the Intelligence Department of the Navy in which I am enrolled as a lieutenant commander in the Reserves, unless I could find some other way to help our country. If war should not take place Marion and I are going to Islip from here, and will probably remain there for a month and a half, and then go to Bermuda for the winter.

I am delighted that Jim is coming on so nicely, and I hope that he takes a long rest for his recent operation has naturally been a great shock to his system.

Hoping this finds you in the best of health, in which Marion joins me, I am

Yours as ever,

Alman

P.S. I was sorry to hear of Freddy De Rhams death. One by one our old friends are going.

PST
Gen. C. C. "J"

JOSEPH JOHNSON
2214 PEACHTREE ROAD
ATLANTA

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Aug. 21 1940

My Dear Miss LeHand:

Will you kindly
lay the enclosed before
the President. I do not
expect an answer. With
kind regards,

Yours truly

Joseph Johnson

Miss Marguerite H. LeHand
White House
Washington

Original & only copy.

JOSEPH JOHNSON
2214 PEACHTREE ROAD
ATLANTA

Aug. 21, 1946

Dear Mr. President:

May I suggest that Roy Howard, Nippon's favorite American, be watched carefully. At all critical moments he turns up in Japan. I know him well and ~~in~~ his daily environment is Japanese - his office decor; and his indoor dress. I think Roy is a bit of a rat, but I don't think he

is a traitor. It is just that
he may have the Japanese
point of view. I certainly
hope none of our people in
the East make of him a
Confidant. I venture our
Secret diplomatic service
does not know how deep
his fingers are in the Japa-
nese pie. Roy can pass over
there for a Jap, as any one
who sees Roy may be-
lieve. Roy said in his letter to
you "I speak neither Spanish
nor Portuguese." Does he then
speak Japanese, Chinese, Dutch,
Siamese? Javanese? Borneo-ese?

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I think many surprises
would come of a complete
check up of Reij's relations
with the high-ups of Japan.
Is he working for us?
Should we not find out?

Yours truly
Joseph Johnson

P.S- On with America,
Mr. President! Will take care
of Rocky Wilkie.

Letter Explains Why Howard Refused F.D.R.

Editor Wrote President
He Was Not Qualified
for Task.

WASHINGTON, (Aug. 20.—AP)

G. B. Parker, editor-in-chief of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, today issued the following statement in connection with President Roosevelt's assertion that Roy Howard, chairman of the newspaper chain, had turned down an offer to help on the defense program:

"Mr. Howard is in the Far East for the Scripps-Howard newspapers. His trip will include Australia, China, Japan, the Dutch East Indies and the Philippines, and he plans to write for our papers his impressions of the critical Oriental situation."

Letter Found.

"He could not be reached today but a check with his office gives what seems to me to be an adequate statement on the matter referred to in the Hyde Park Presidential conference Tuesday."

A letter to President Roosevelt dated last June 5 Mr. Howard said:

"While I fully appreciate the difficulty of any man appraising accurately his own competency, it is less difficult for me to judge his own incompetency."

"It has been 40 years since I left any time in South America."

"Other than a brief round-trip by air."

"During those years I have not contact with the politics and the personalities of the continent."

"Statesmen and journalists with whom I formerly had contact have passed from the picture."

"As I speak neither Spanish nor Portuguese, the establishment of new contacts would be a slow process."

"Nothing Personal."

"It would be erroneous to believe that my personal affairs played any part in my decision."

"No personal considerations ever have or ever will interfere with my rendering to you, or anyone in your position, any public service for which I am qualified."

"I am sure you must know that."

"So long as American democracy continues I believe that our press will have a function that is at the same time an obligation."

"I believe that without attaching too much importance to my position in American journalism there is a modicum of reason for my belief that in such times as these I may be in a better position to render some service through a medium with which I have had 40 years' experience, than through one with which I am wholly unfamiliar."

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*The Pres. talked to Louis Johnson
about Mar. 11th.* *PSF* *Gen. Cones J*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 6, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE PRESIDENT

About three weeks ago, Justice Frank Murphy told me, at the Mayflower Hotel, that several years ago he came into your office following a conference you had had with me and that you told him that you had just told me that on the following Monday you were going to appoint me Secretary of War. Justice Murphy continued that trying to be helpful and finding Drew Pearson at his office when he returned there, he gave Drew Pearson this story.

Murder will always out, so at long last I know how this story got out for I have checked with Drew Pearson, having Justice Murphy's statement, and Pearson confirms this origin of the story.

I want to reaffirm what I once said to the President and that is that I did not release this information and until Justice Murphy's statement, did not know from whence it came.

LOUIS A. JOHNSON

PSF *Don Corcoran*
"J" *full*
personal

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 24, 1945.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Lyndon Johnson came down to see me yesterday to tell me that the day before the Federal Judge in the District of Austin, Texas, had died. He further tells me there is one thing Alvin Wirtz has always wanted and that is to be a Federal Judge.

Lyndon said he had done such a wonderful job with that Convention mess in Texas that he really felt Alvin Wirtz was deserving of this spot. However, he feels that Senator Connally will have a candidate or several whome he will recommend and on his list may or may not be the name of Alvin Wirtz.

Lyndon tells me that all your friends in Texas are for Mr. Wirtz, such as Jimmy Allred, etc. and will go on record recommending him. I have a feeling that Bob Hannegan will be for it as, of course, he was of great help to our cause in Texas.

This is for your information in case something should get by from Sen. Connally pressing for someone else. I just wanted you to be reminded about Alvin Wirtz and know that he is anxious for this appointment.

G.G.T.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 3, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR WAYNE JOHNSON

Ever so many thanks for yours
of February twentieth.

I do think things are beginning
to click pretty well but I am some-
what appalled by the fact that at
least nine out of ten men being
brought here by the Production people
are not only Republicans but are
mostly violent anti-Administration
Republicans.

Can you dig out for me the
names of twenty or thirty Democratic
businessmen who have had successful
experience?

F. D. R./tab

WASHINGTON
THE WHITE HOUSE

WAYNE JOHNSON

JOHNSON & SHORES
1 EAST 57TH STREET~~11~~ Her correspondence -
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"J"

NEW YORK February 20, 1941.

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

Dear Mr. President:

Just a note to tell you that I think that your London selections are great. Winant should have wide popularity and do a splendid job. We all know that Averill will.

I often think of the awful problem you have on personnel, and please do not think that I don't understand some of your grave problems in making these selections. With all the demand for capable men on this side, it makes it all the harder to find the ones you want for foreign representation.

From all my business and other connections I find a feeling through the Country that industry is beginning to do a first-class job, although there are still a few who are asking themselves "What is going to happen after the war?" I told them they won't have to worry if Hitler wins.

If anything arises at any time where I can be of any help, just have someone give me a ring.

Ever sincerely,

Wayne.

WAYNE JOHNSON

JOHNSON & SHORES
1 EAST 57TH STREET

NEW YORK February 20, 1941.

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

Dear Mac:

Will you please hand this to the President for
me.

Sincerely,

Wayne

enc.



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personal 100-3
The O'Roosevelts
Remember? I. R.
at the St. Patrick's
Parade? (This must
be one of Jimmy's
pens.)

Wait at least for
G. O. P. Convention.
Maybe until Chicago.
You're due a bit of
acclamations for what's
happened since 1932.
Everything's O.K.
Edwyn Robinson

Ask "Missy" how she likes
the "Mad Day" - Tell her to
show to photographers & tell
em that's how people feel
when they're around. Thank
her for prompt action on
pension letter.

PSF
Gen. Carver.
"J"

[1940]

PSE
Gen. "J" Carver

[1937?]

file Jones
Dear President and Mrs. Roosevelt:

Maurice and I want you
to know how very much we
appreciate your lovely gift and
telegram. We were thrilled beyond
expression to be remembered in
such a grand fashion on our
wedding day and shall cherish

them as our prized possessions.

Sincerely,

Worthy Jones Brady

PSF
Gen. Carr
"J"

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

file
personal

December 2, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR

MAC

Will you answer him and
say I was very grateful to him
for his letter and that it is
a coincidence that two days
before I had taken up the
procedure he suggested and may
still use it?

F. D. R.

Personal & Confidential.

Mr. Lones 3-41

1615 Decatur St. N. W.

Washington D. C.

Nov. 29, 41

Dear President Roosevelt:-

I take the liberty of

passing this suggestion on to you, knowing your
desire to reach a peaceful settlement in the
Pacific.

I have reason to be convinced that
if you, Mr. President, could see your way clear
to send a personal cable direct to the Emperor
of Japan suggesting that these two nations
find a peaceful settlement, it would be effective.

The Emperor's word is final in Japan -
the Army & the Navy and the nation would bow
to it without question. You there, Mr. President,
would appeal to the one source that would
assure a settlement. I see no reason why it
should not be a just settlement, for the
Emperor's exercise of his power would create
an atmosphere in which a just peace may be

" 2 "

Possible.

If you desire to speak to me personally about this I will be at your bidding. There are some things connected with the above which I am not at liberty to write even though this word comes to you unopened. I need not tell you that this letter, and everything connected with it, will be kept in strictest confidence.

Although I have engagements I can cancel them and come to Washington on Wednesday if you desire to speak to me about the above. Until Wednesday I will be at % Dr. Lee Tuttle, Main St. Methodist Church, Thomassville, N.C. I leave for there tonight.

I could even come to Warm Springs by plane, if necessary, though it would upset my schedule.

You will forgive this urgent note, but the situation is so urgent that this is my excuse.

Yours Respectfully
S. Stanley Jones.
Mr. E. Stanley Jones

PSF
Sen Carrs.
"J"

file
Jessie Jones
Shm-2

October 14, 1937.

Memo to President
From Jessie Jones--telephoned from Houston

In re-Joe Kennedy wanting R.F.C. to lend money to
The American lines.

SEE--Maritime Commission folder-Drawer 2--1937

July 22, 1936

PSF
Gen. Carr.
"J"
Wm 2-36

My dear Miss Joseph:

Your letter of July twenty-first has been received and I shall give the check you enclosed to the President as soon as he returns to the city.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

STEPHEN EARLY
Assistant Secretary
to the President

Miss Nannine Joseph,
200 West 54th Street,
New York, N. Y.

10W

CABLE ADDRESS: NANJOSEF

Nanine Joseph

200 WEST 54TH STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

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NW*

July 21st, 1936

Dear Mr. Early:

Even tho the newer book, ON OUR WAY, has been out so long, John Day still seem to sell occasional copies of LOOKING FORWARD, and I have just had a royalty statement and check for \$72.75, and also \$25.00 from England for a brief extract that one of the papers used over there, the combination making a total of \$97.75, commission on which is \$9.77, leaving \$87.98, of which half as you know always goes to Earle Looker on LOOKING FORWARD, for his work on the manuscript, and so enclosed is check for the remaining \$43.99.

I think that sales on this will go on for a long time, just small amounts, but they do add up, don't they?

By the way, a friend of mine, who has just returned from an automobile trip from coast-to-coast, and who took no main highways, only country roads, who's a farmer himself and therefore can talk to farmers, comes back more convinced than ever that the President will be re-elected by an overwhelming majority. Naturally this was good news to me, and I thought, tho I'm sure you know it anyway, you'd like to hear it.

Sincerely yours,

NJ:SA
Mr. Stephen Early

Nanine Joseph

All correspondence for 1936-1937
From Nanine Joseph and Earle Looker in
downstairs file.

PSF
Ann. Caruso.
"J"